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THIS IS IT-- THE MOMENT I  
KNEW HAD TO COME-- EVER  
SINCE THE BLACK CAT AND  
I UPSET DOCTOR OCTOPUS'S  
SCHEME TO TRASH NEW YORK  
CITY!\*

HE'S RECOVERED FROM  
THAT DEFEAT-- AND NOW  
HE'S OUT FOR OUR  
BLOOD!

HAVE YOU  
BID ADIEU TO  
YOUR LOVED  
ONES, WALL-  
CRAWLER?

HAVE YOU  
PROVIDED FOR  
THEIR SECURITY  
IN YOUR LAST  
WILL AND  
TESTAMENT?

\* SEE SPECTACULAR  
SPIDER-MAN #75.

HAVE YOU MADE  
ALL THOSE PREP-  
ARATIONS A MAN  
MUST MAKE WHEN  
HE KNOWS HE'S  
GOING TO DIE?

I DID TAKE OUT THE GARBAGE  
AND DO MY LAUNDRY/ DOES  
THAT COUNT?

OH, NO! I'M UP AGAINST  
MY DEADLIEST FOE, FIGHTING  
FOR MY LIFE--

--AND I'M  
OUT OF WEB  
FLUID!





STICKING TO THE SURFACE OF THE WALL LIKE A GREAT HUMAN SPIDER, SPIDER-MAN RACES UP THE SIDE OF COLUMBIA PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL!

GOT TO REPLACE MY WEB-FLUID CARTRIDGES!

**THRAM**

WHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE! HE WOULD HAVE CRUSHED ME IF NOT FOR MY SPIDER-AGILITY!

HE'S NOT KIDDING! HE RIPPED MY WEBBING WITHOUT A MOMENT'S PAUSE!

YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME, SPIDER-MAN! YOU CAN'T STOP ME!

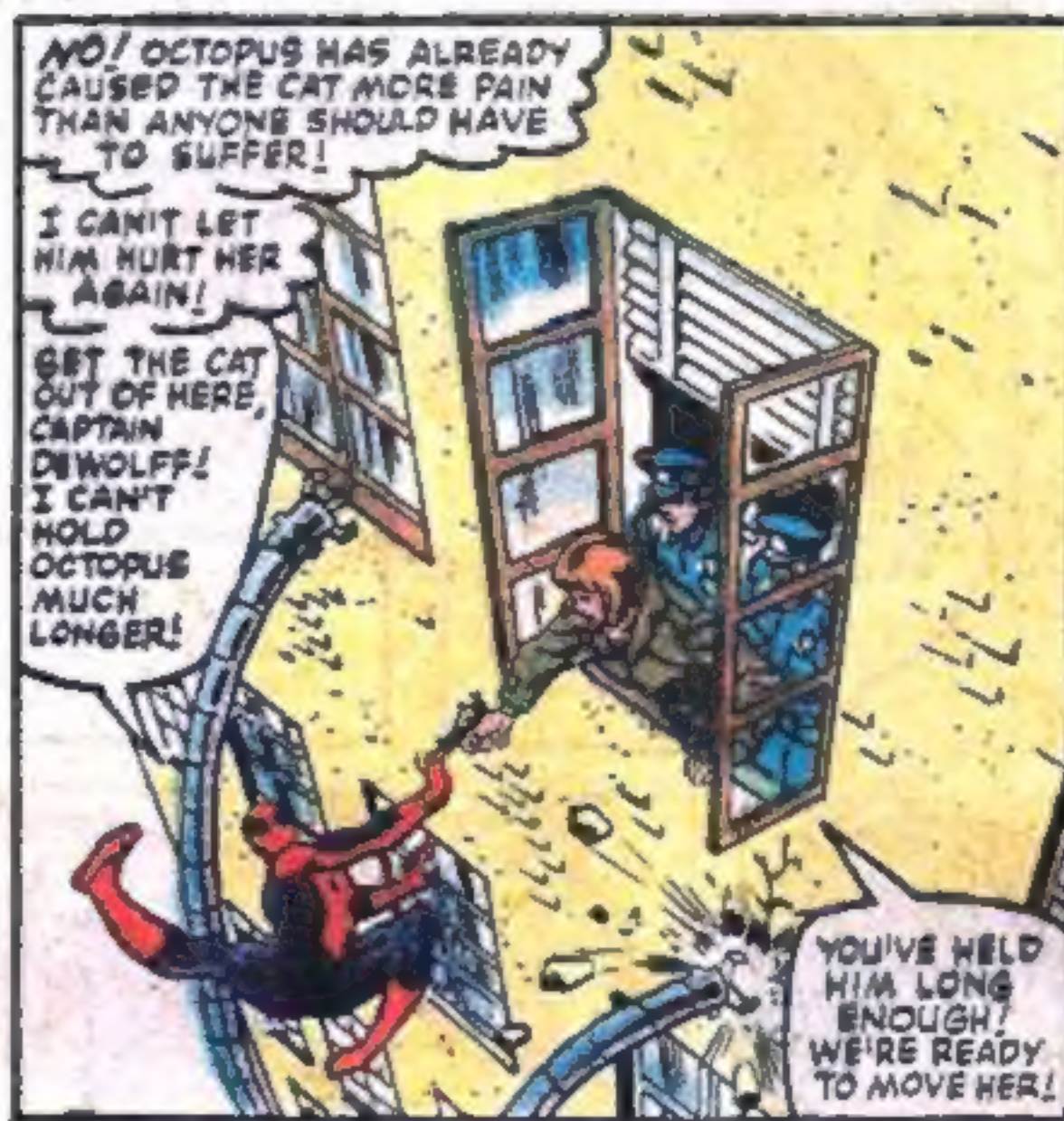
I'M MORE POWERFUL THAN EVER BEFORE!

THERE! I FINALLY RE-LOADED MY WEB-SHOOTERS!

I SHALL DISPEL ANY ILLUSIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE ENTERTAINED ABOUT BEATING ME THIS TIME-- AS EASILY AS I JUST DISPATCHED YOUR WEBBING!

AND THEN-- I SHALL DESTROY YOU AND YOUR BELOVED BLACK CAT!





NO! OCTOPUS HAS ALREADY CAUSED THE CAT MORE PAIN THAN ANYONE SHOULD HAVE TO SUFFER!

I CAN'T LET HIM HURT HER AGAIN!

GET THE CAT OUT OF HERE, CAPTAIN DEWOLFF! I CAN'T HOLD OCTOPUS MUCH LONGER!

YOU'VE HELD HIM LONG ENOUGH! WE'RE READY TO MOVE HER!



SHOULDN'T SOME OF US TRY TO HELP THE WALL-CRAWLER?

NO, HANRATTY! WE'D ONLY BE IN HIS WAY! OUR JOB IS TO PROTECT THE CAT!



THE POLICE AMBULANCE IS READY, CAPTAIN DEWOLFF!

THIS PORTABLE MONITORING EQUIPMENT WILL HELP US TO STABILIZE MS. HARDY'S CONDITION.

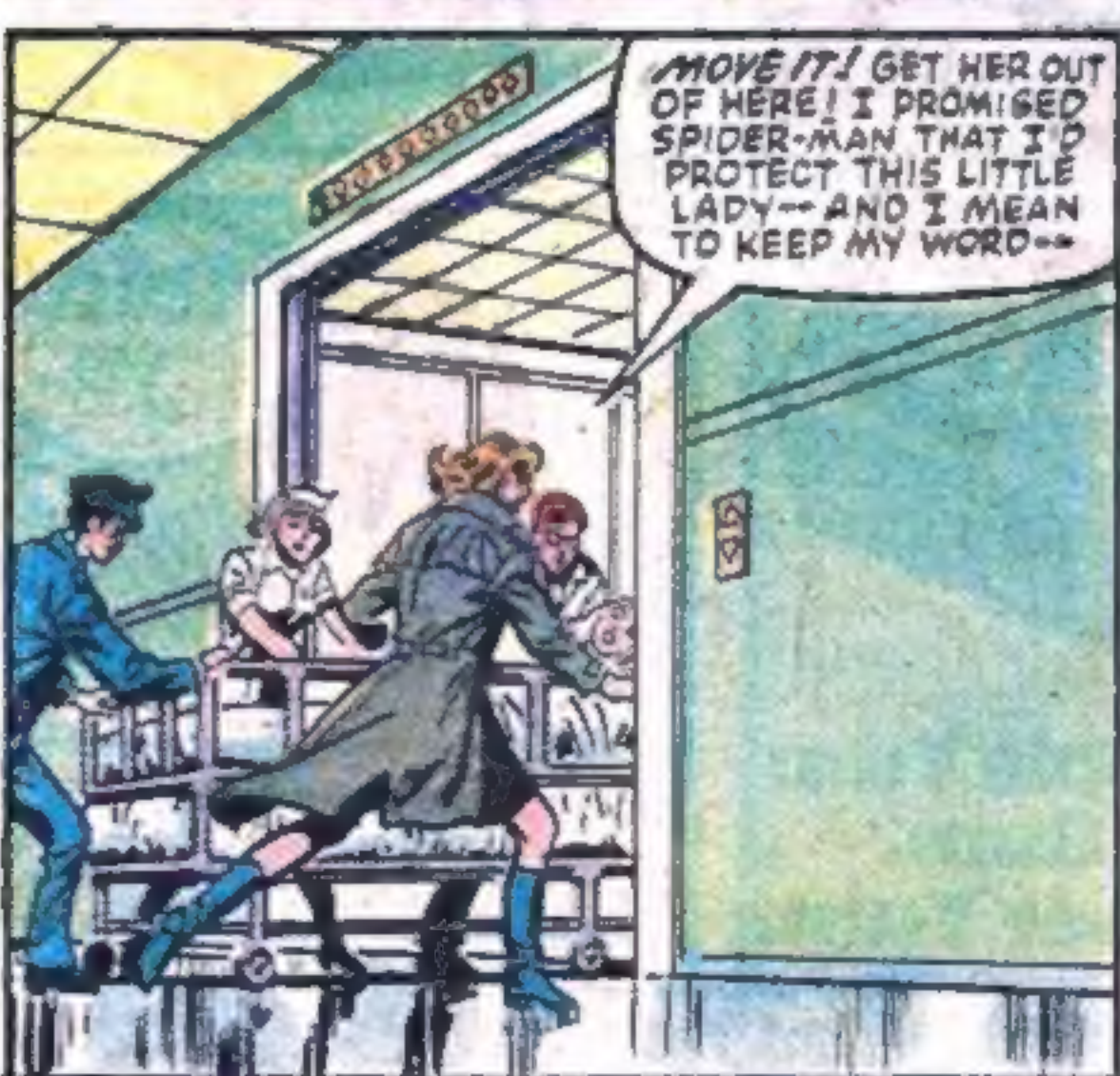
KEEP HER SEDATED, DOC! SHE'S GROGGY, BUT SHE STILL KNOWS HER BOY-FRIEND'S IN TROUBLE!



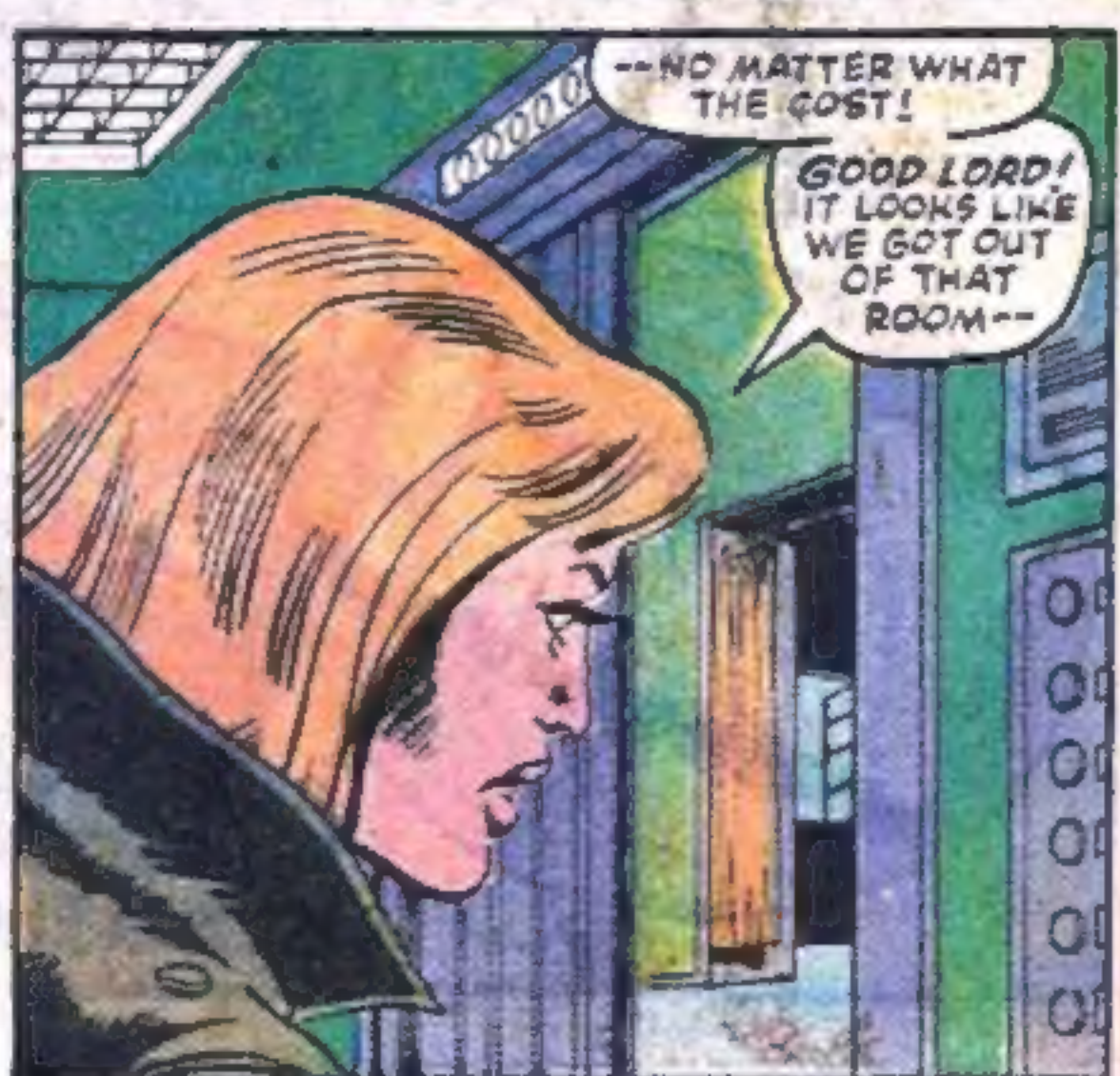
WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING?/ WH-WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?/

SPIDER-MAN NEEDS ME! WHERE IS HE?

YOU'RE IN NO CONDITION TO HELP HIM, MY DEAR!



MOVE IT! GET HER OUT OF HERE! I PROMISED SPIDER-MAN THAT I'D PROTECT THIS LITTLE LADY-- AND I MEAN TO KEEP MY WORD--



--NO MATTER WHAT THE COST!

GOOD LORD! IT LOOKS LIKE WE GOT OUT OF THAT ROOM--



"...WITHOUT A  
SECOND TO SPARE!"

CAN'T  
HOLD DR.  
OCTOPUS  
ANY  
LONGER!

SK  
CRASH

YOUR DELAYING  
TACTICS MAY HAVE GIVEN THE  
AUTHORITIES THE TIME THEY NEEDED  
TO SPIRIT THE BLACK CAT AWAY--

--BUT THAT  
IS A MEAN-  
INGLESS  
SETBACK,  
SPIDER-  
MAN!

I  
WILL  
FIND  
HER--

--AND  
CRUSH  
HER!

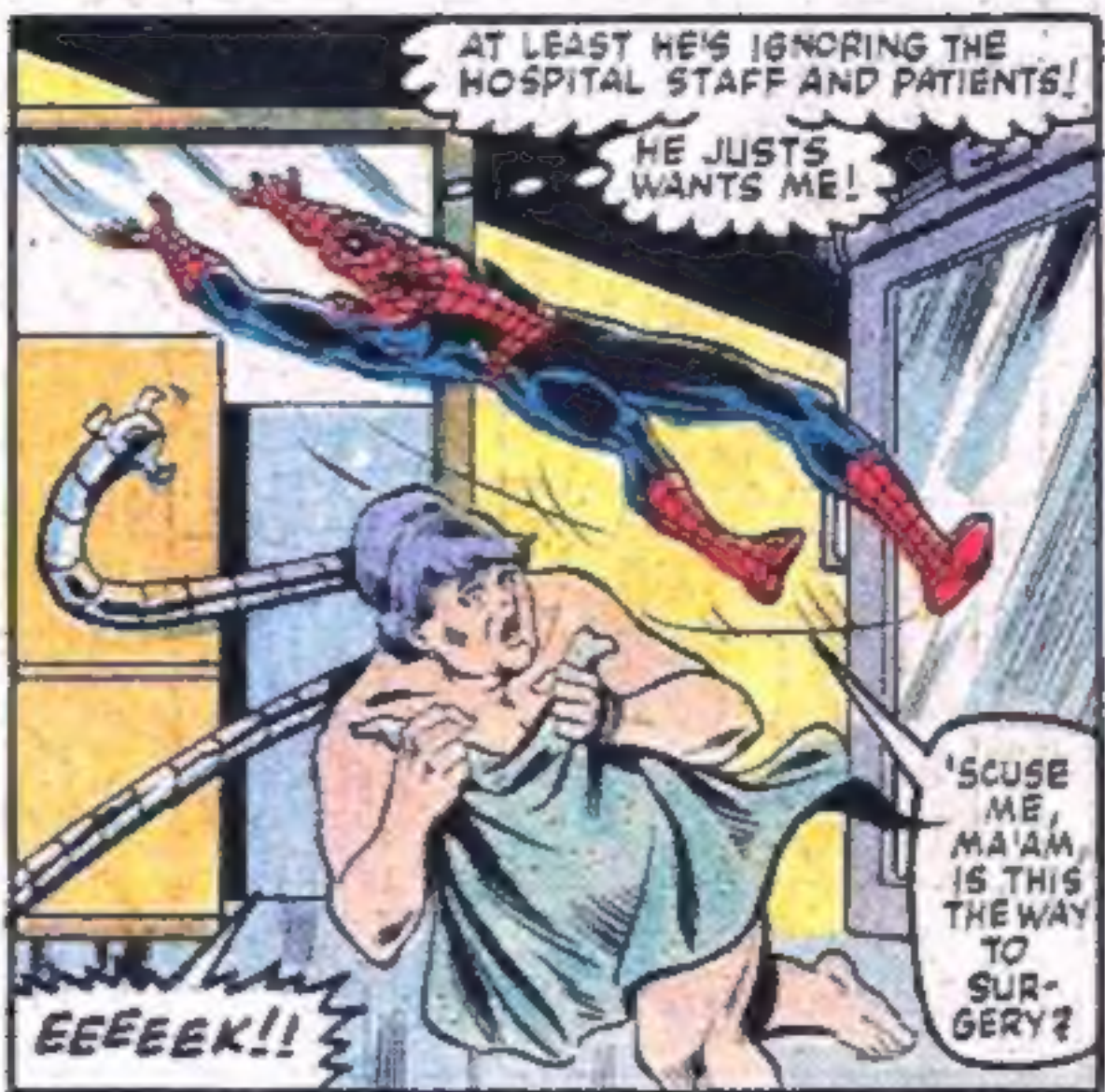
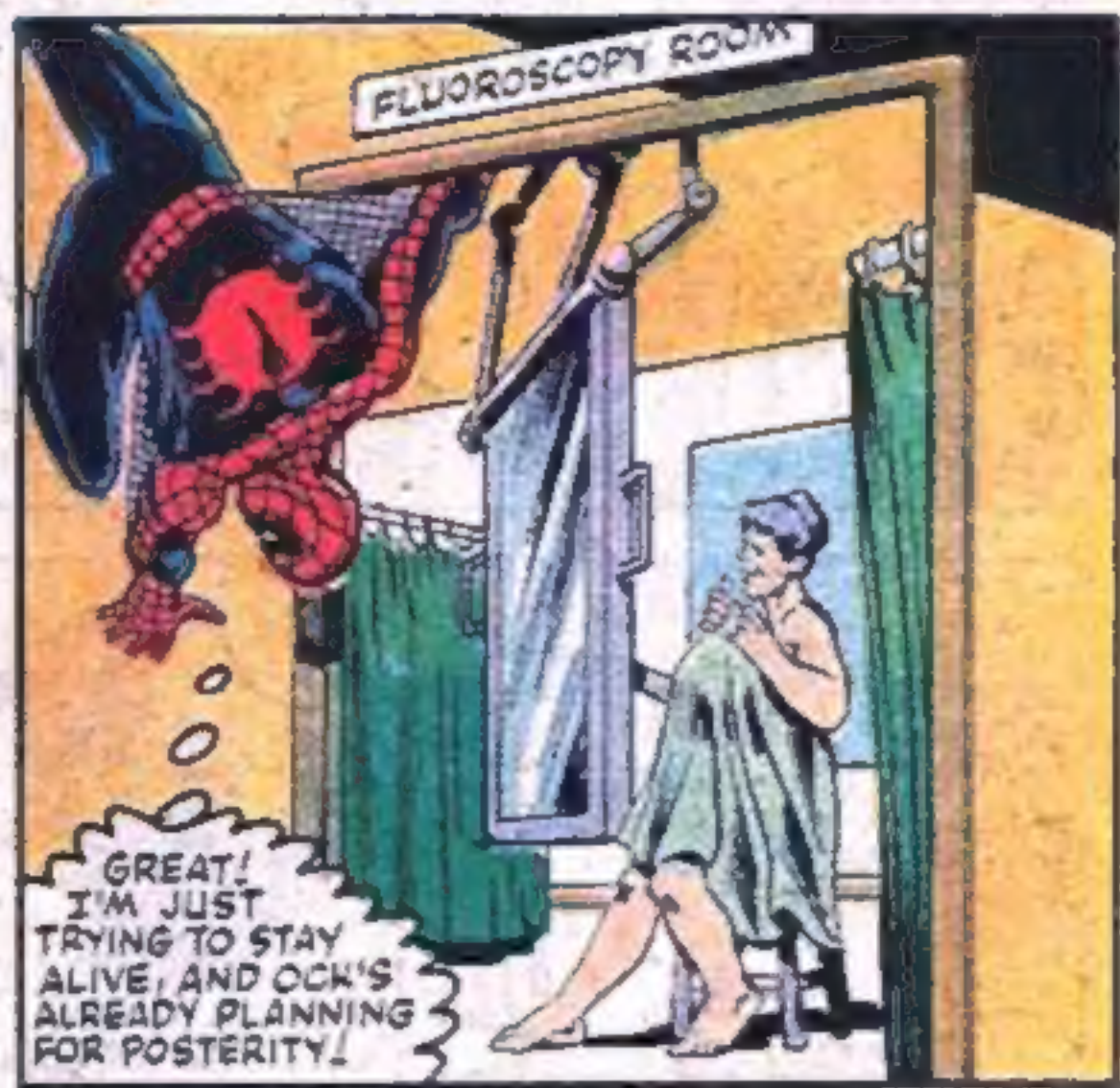
CRASH

THERE'S IS ONLY ONE  
WAY TO SAVE THE CAT!  
I'VE GOT TO FUEL DOG  
OCK'S RAGE-- AND  
KEEP HIM COMING  
AFTER ME!

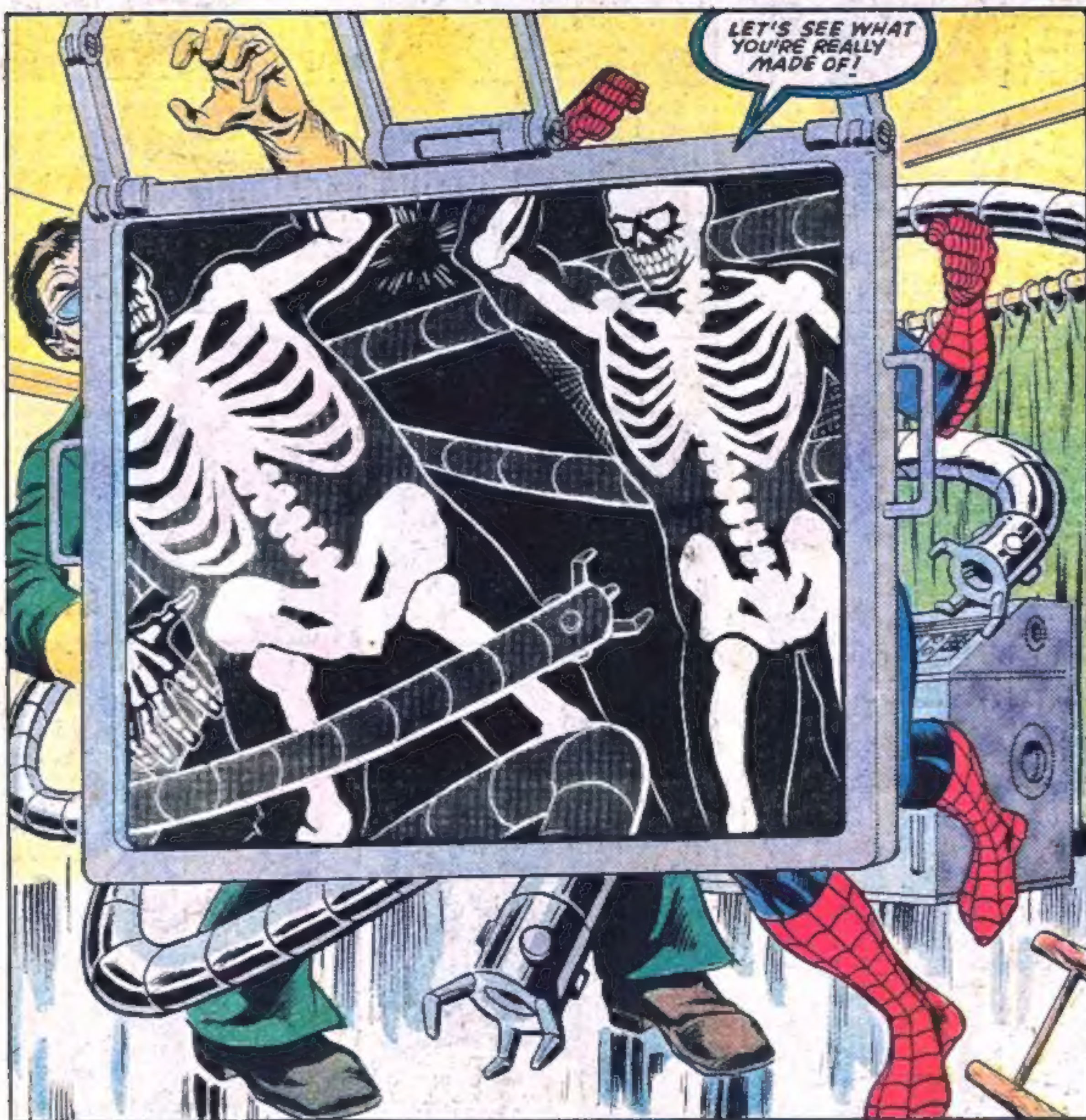
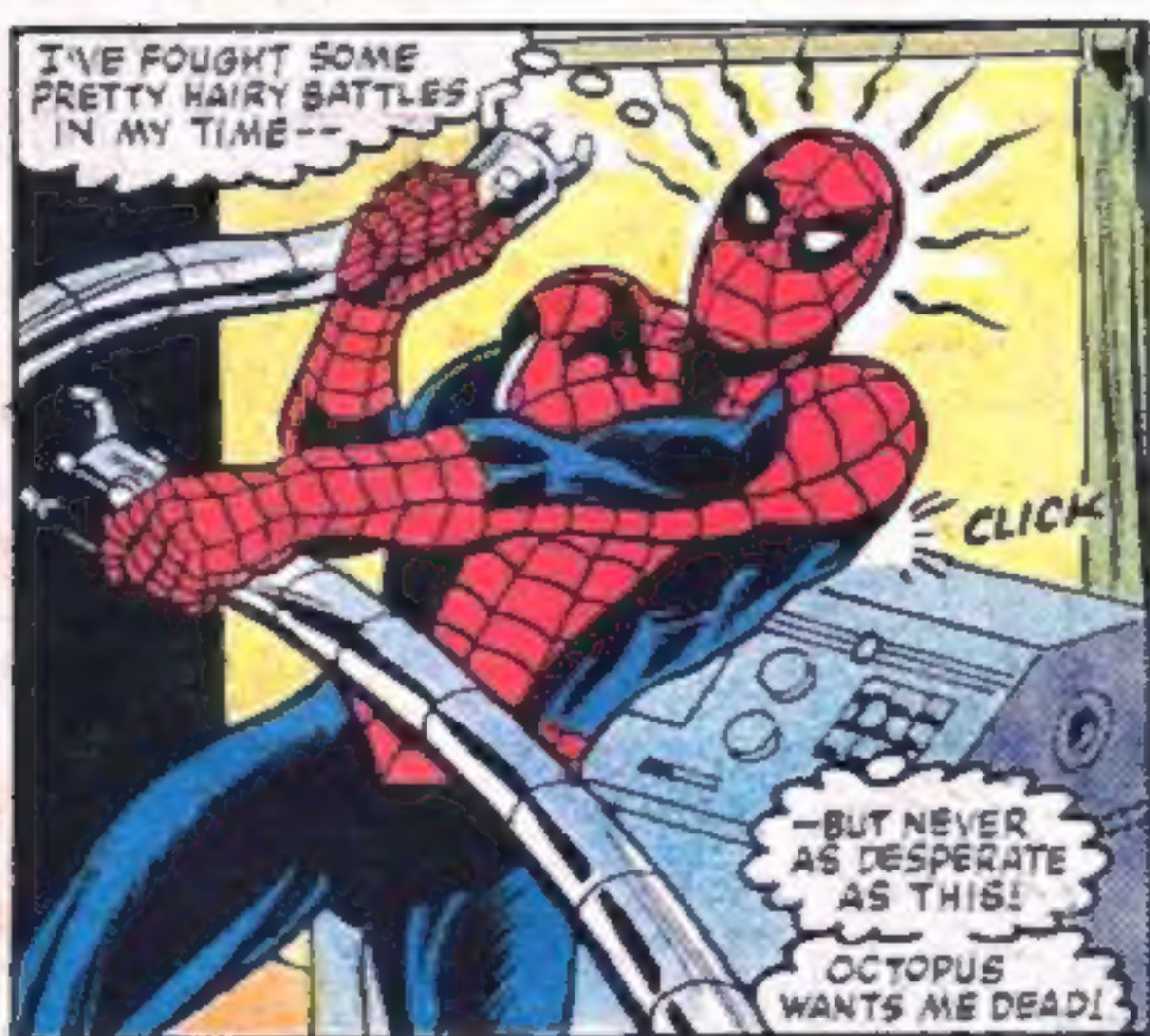
I'VE GOT  
TO STALL HIM  
UNTIL DEWOLFF GETS  
FELICIA TO SAFETY!

THERE'S  
ONLY ONE  
LITTLE PROBLEM  
WITH MY  
PLAN!  
I DON'T  
WANT TO DIE  
EITHER!

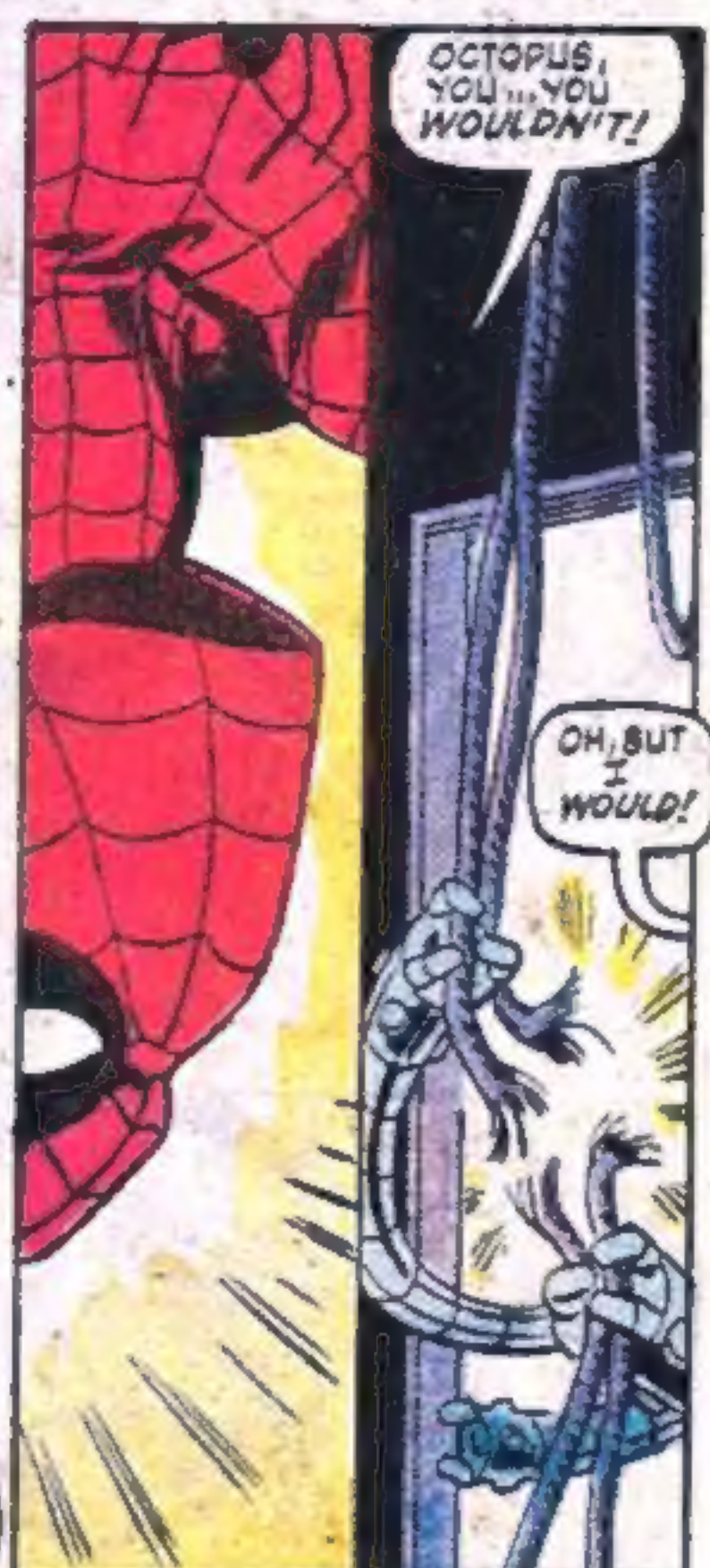
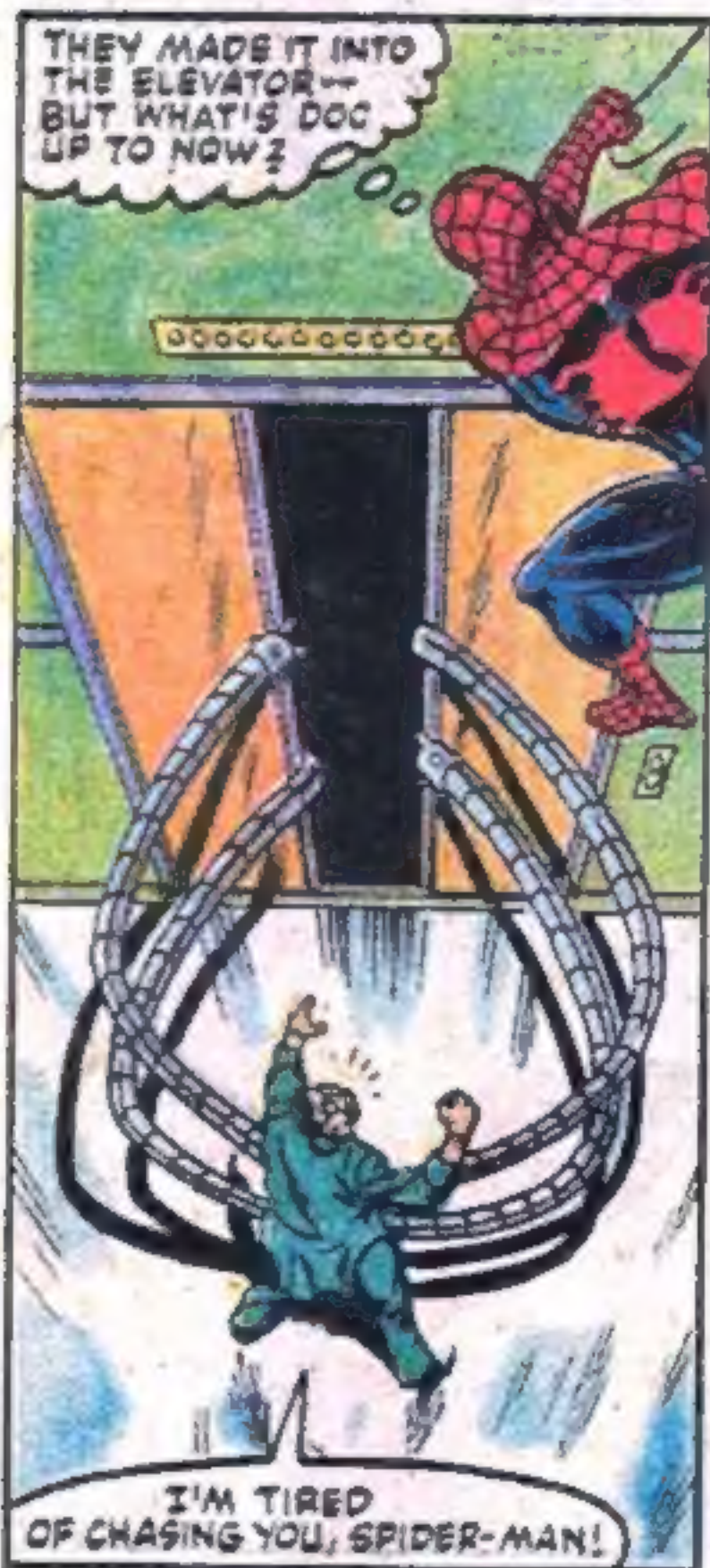
















YOU MURDERING LUNATIC!

FWAK



THAT ELEVATOR CAR WEIGHS TWO TONS IF IT'S AN OUNCE--BUT I CAN'T LET THAT STOP ME!

I CAN'T!



AARRGGH!

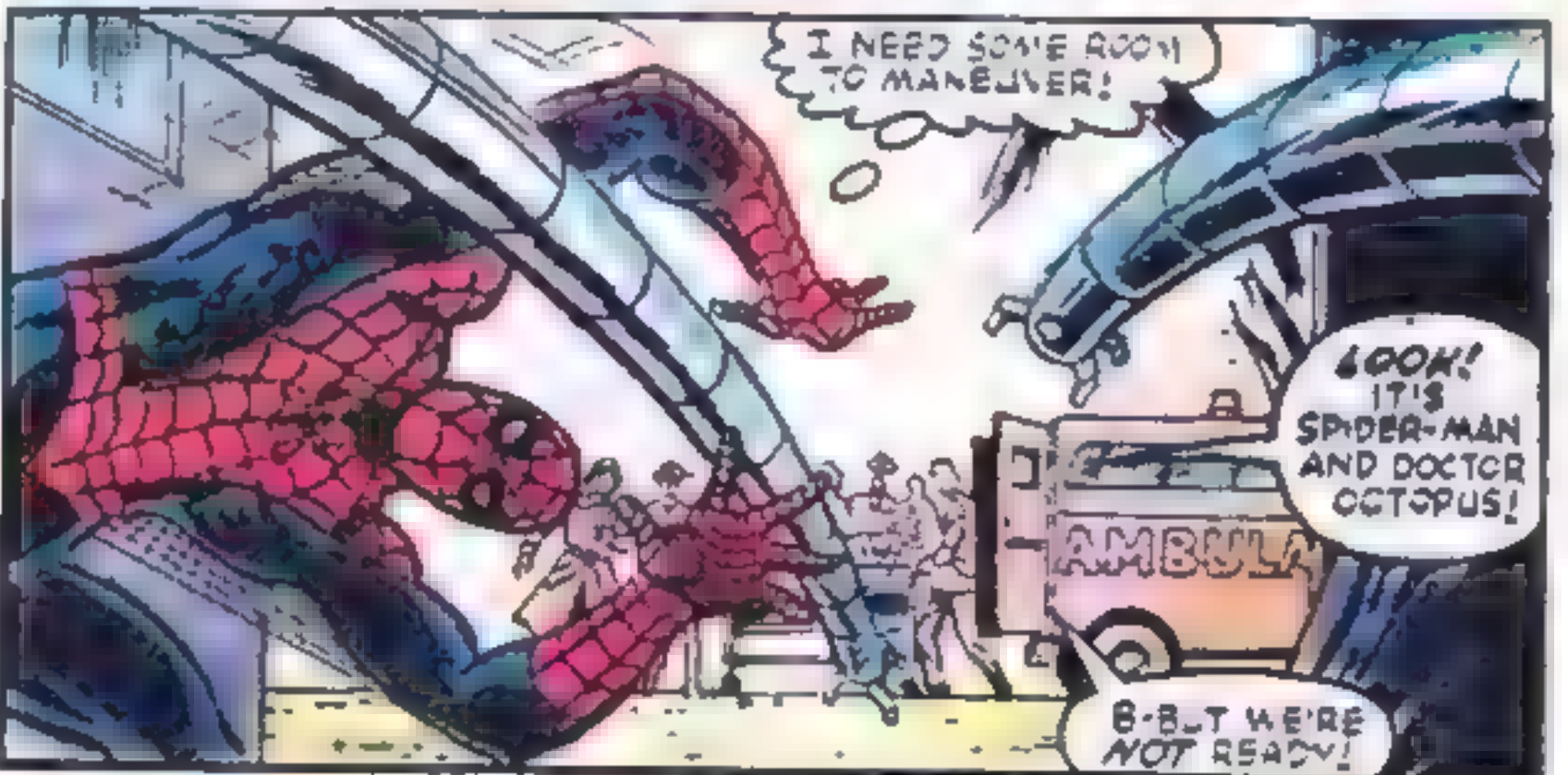
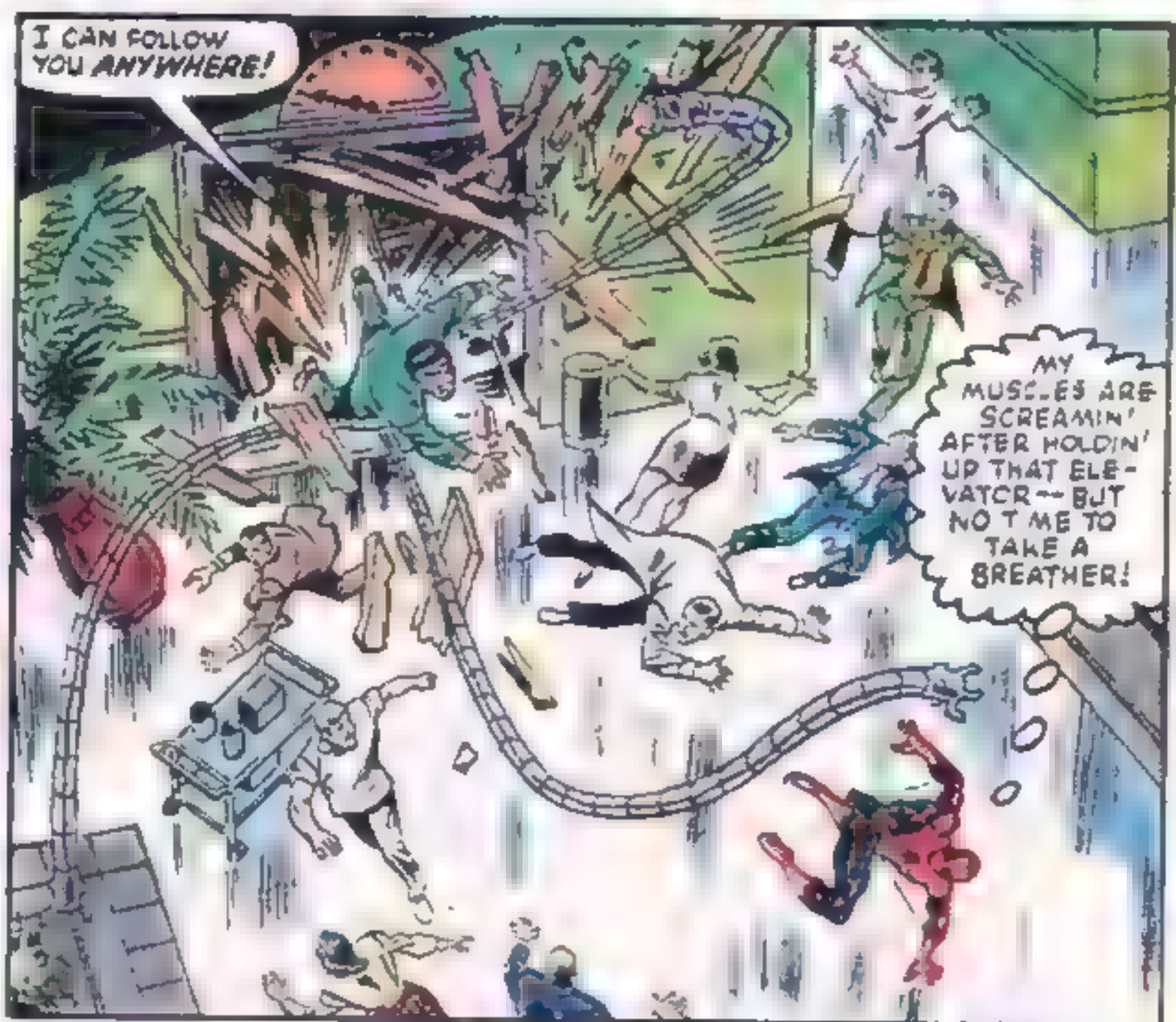
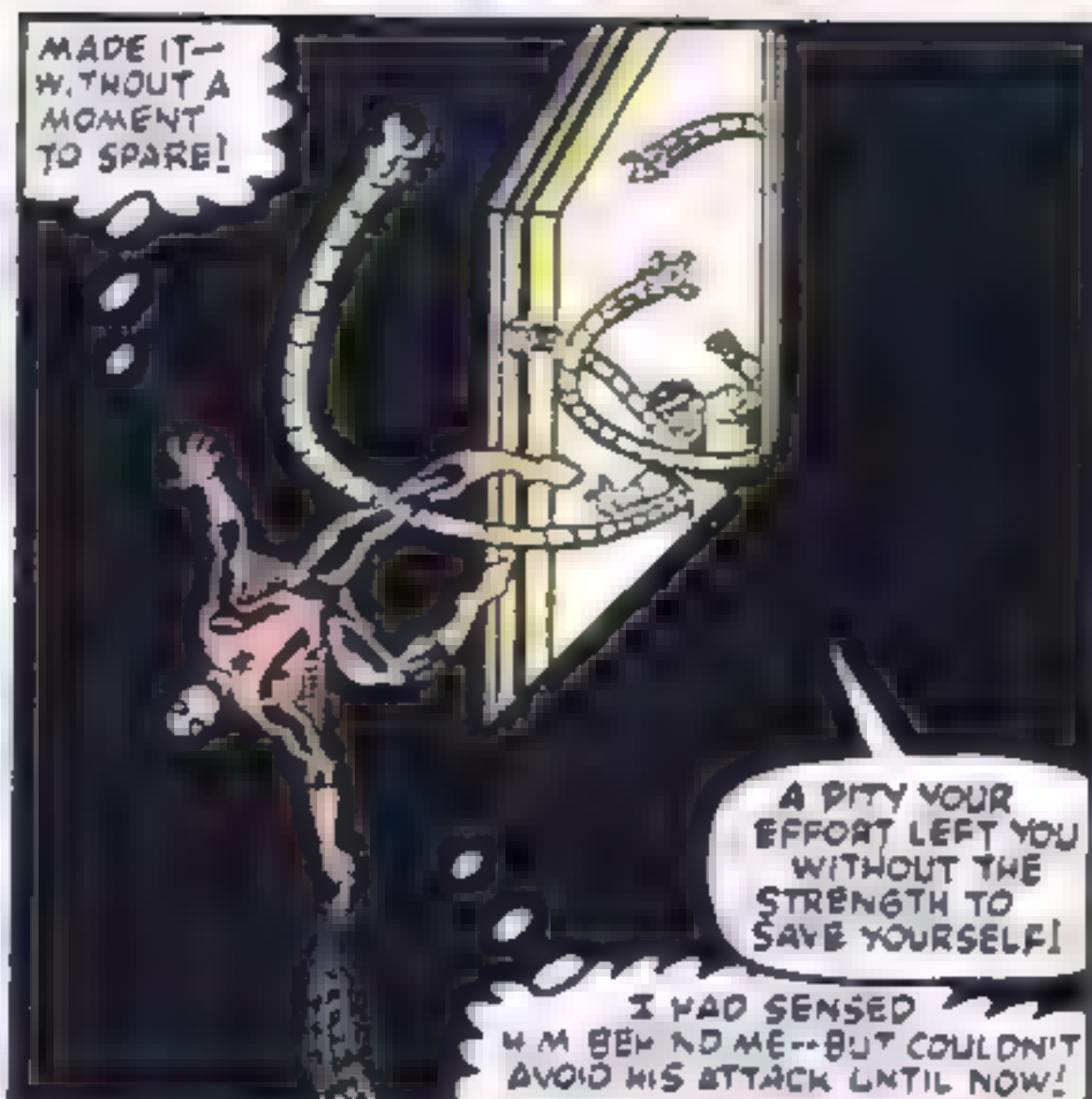


M-MY WEBBING STRETCHED TO ITS LIMIT-- BUT IT HELD, BLESS IT!

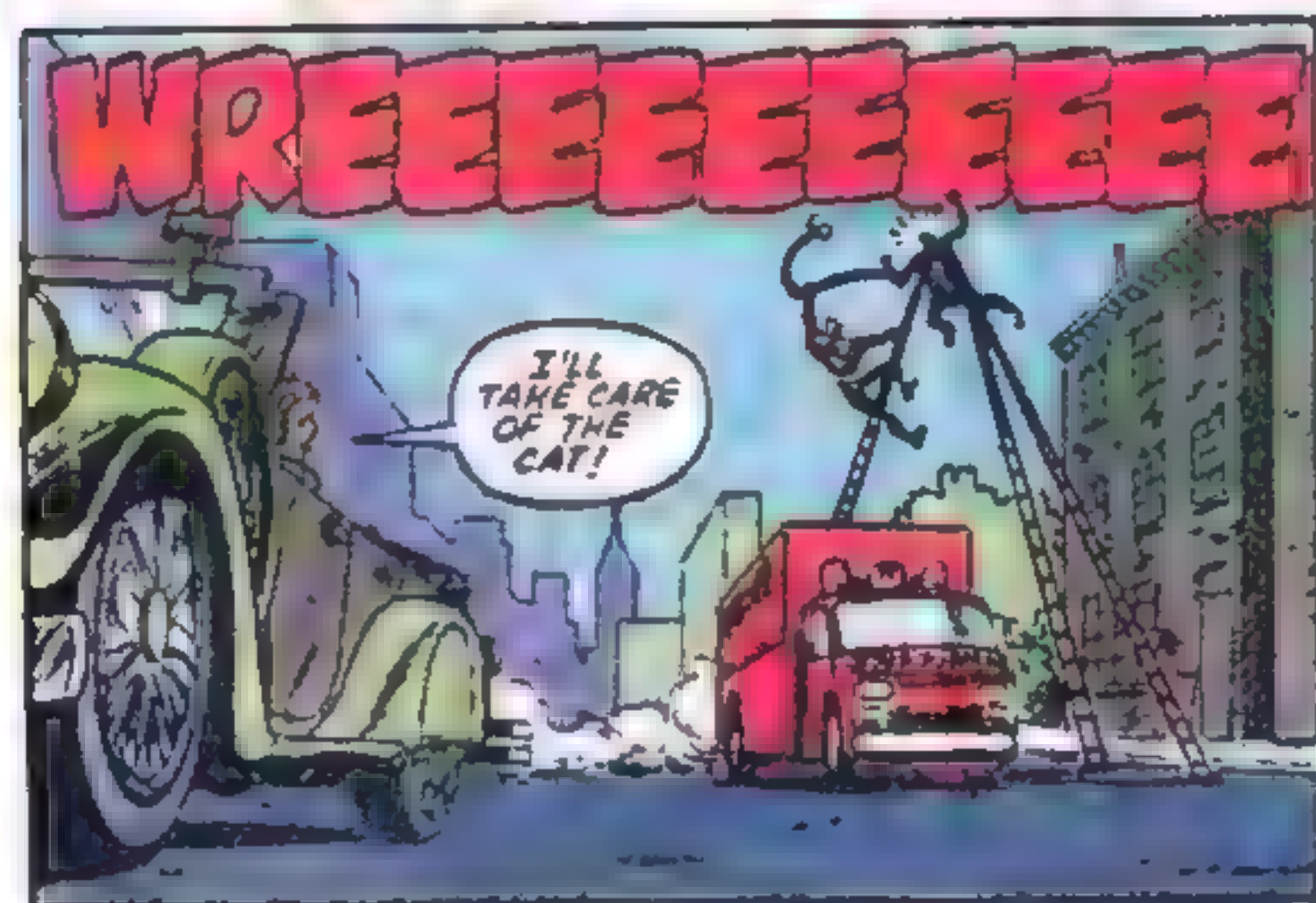
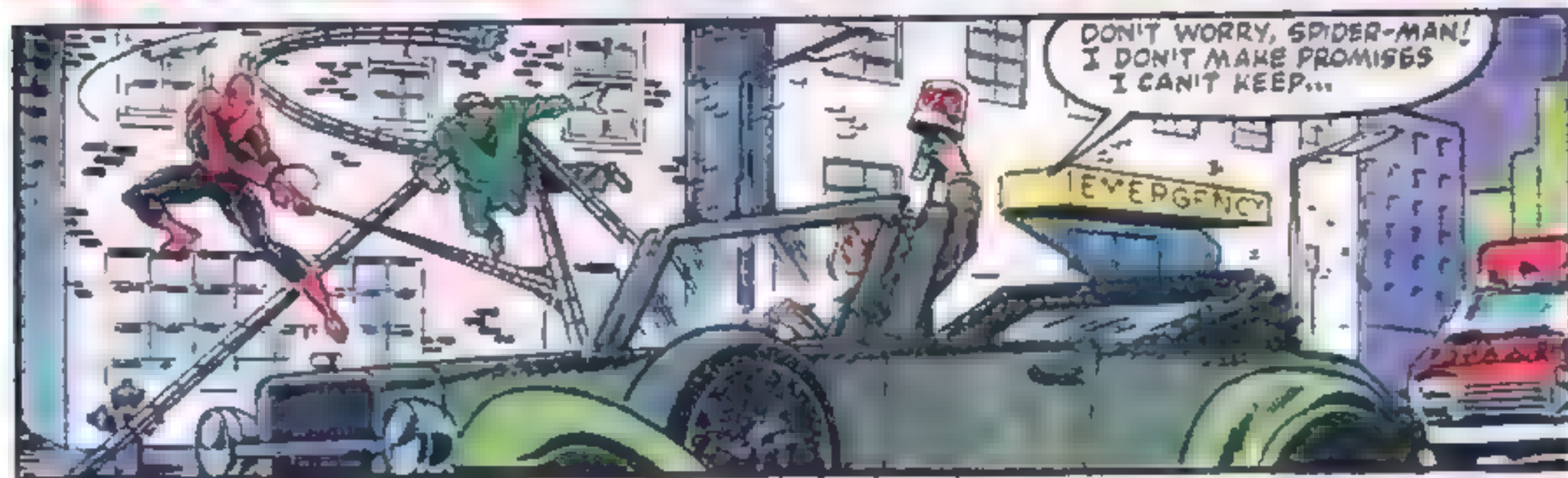
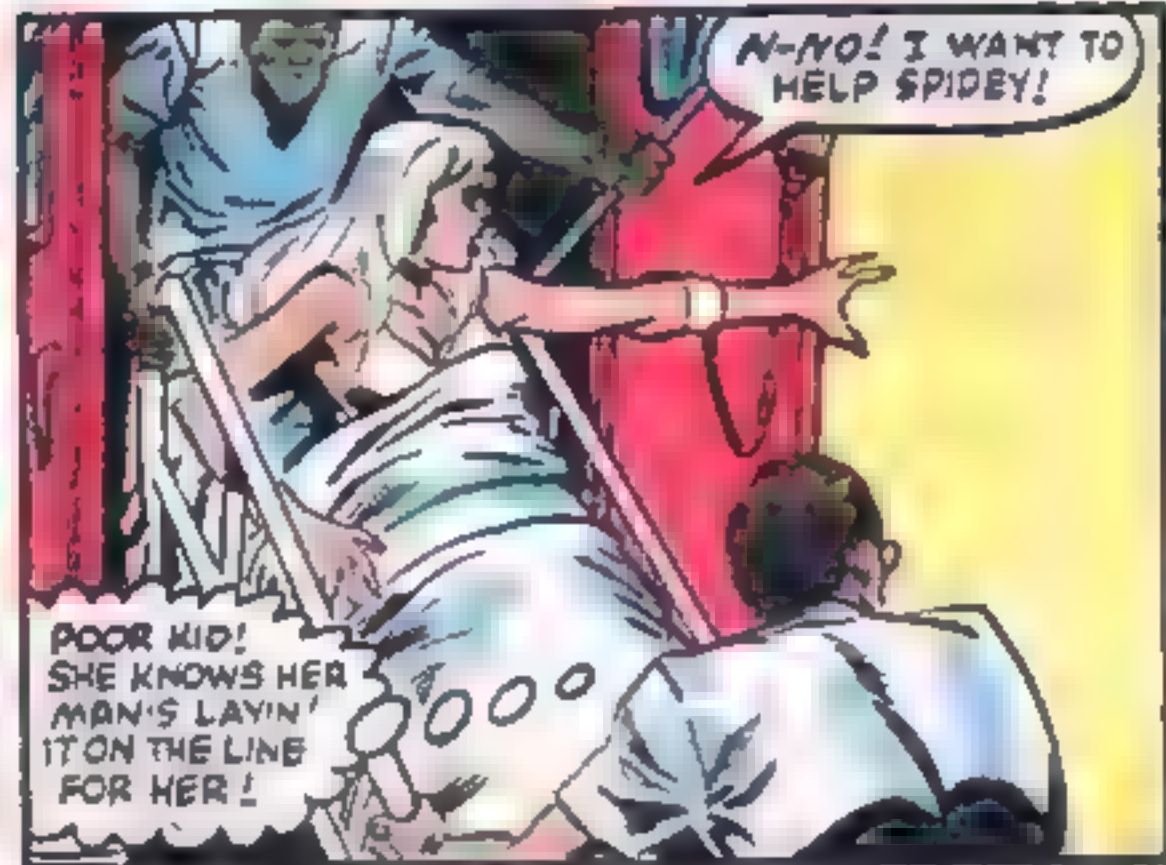
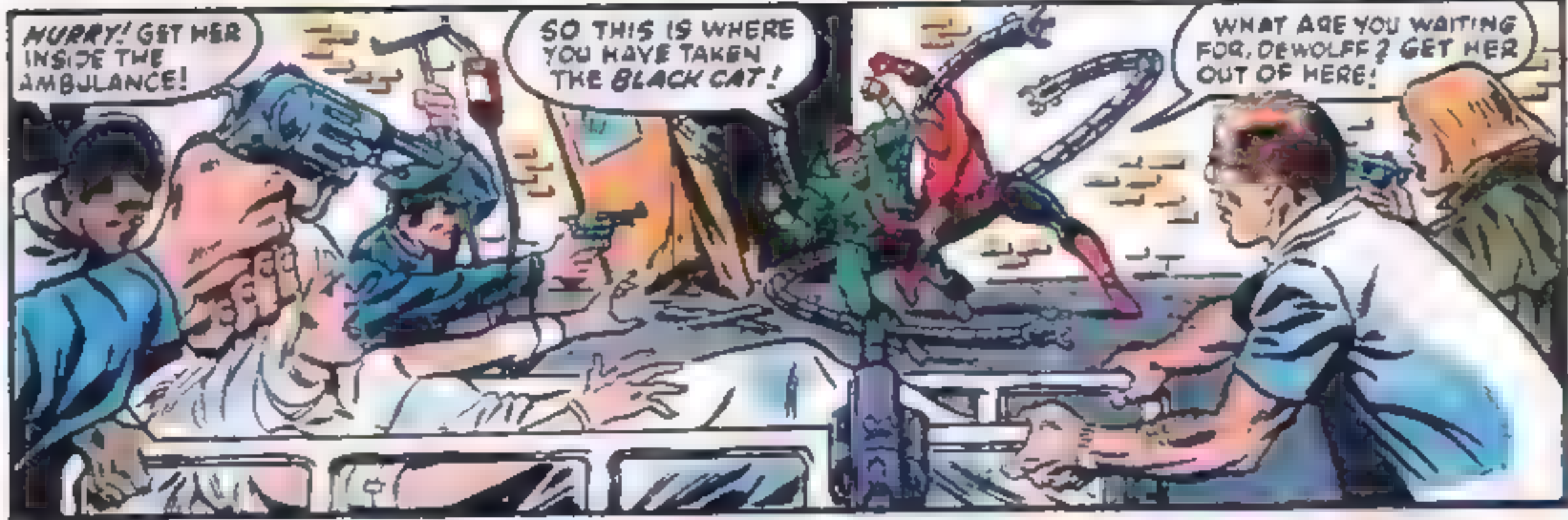
IT HELD!



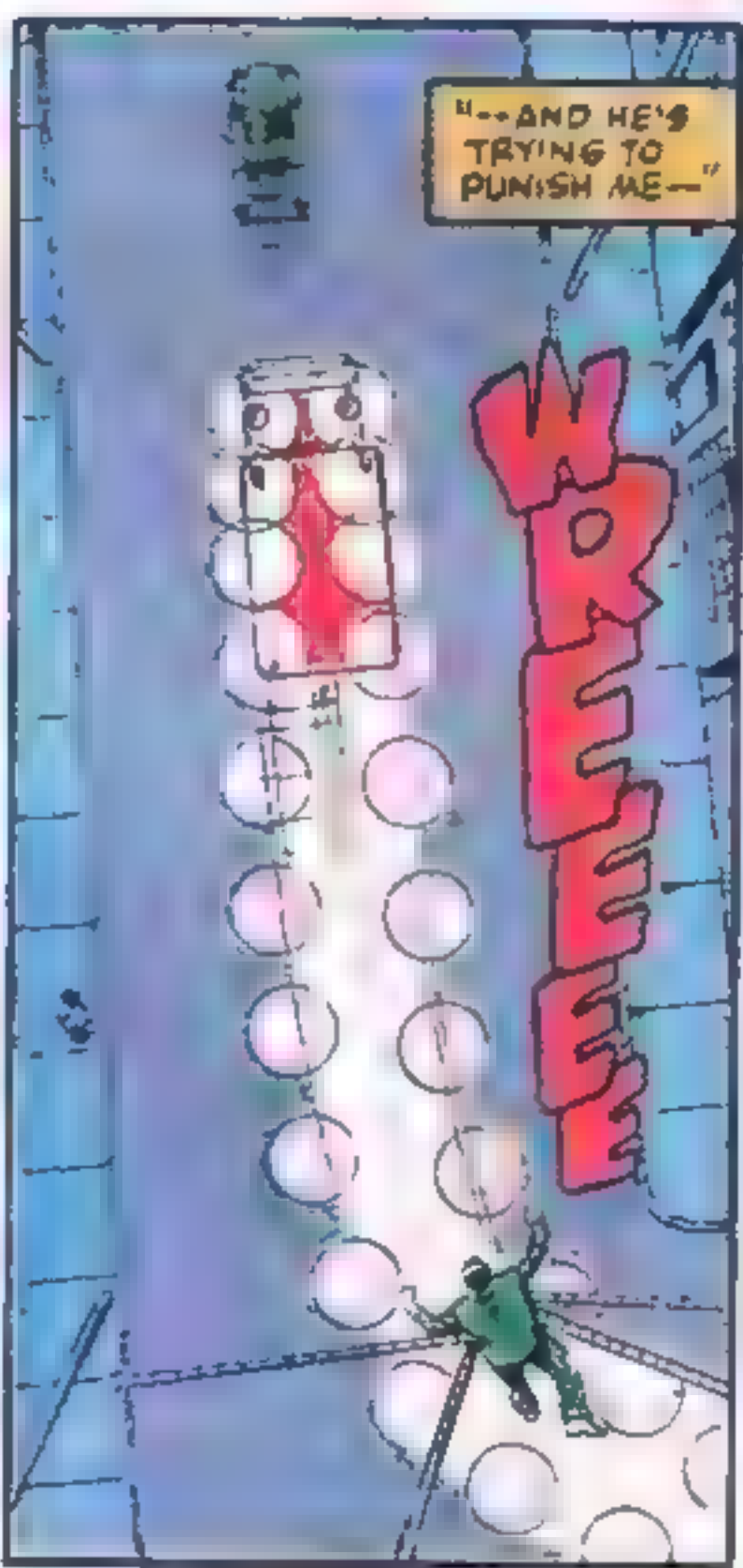
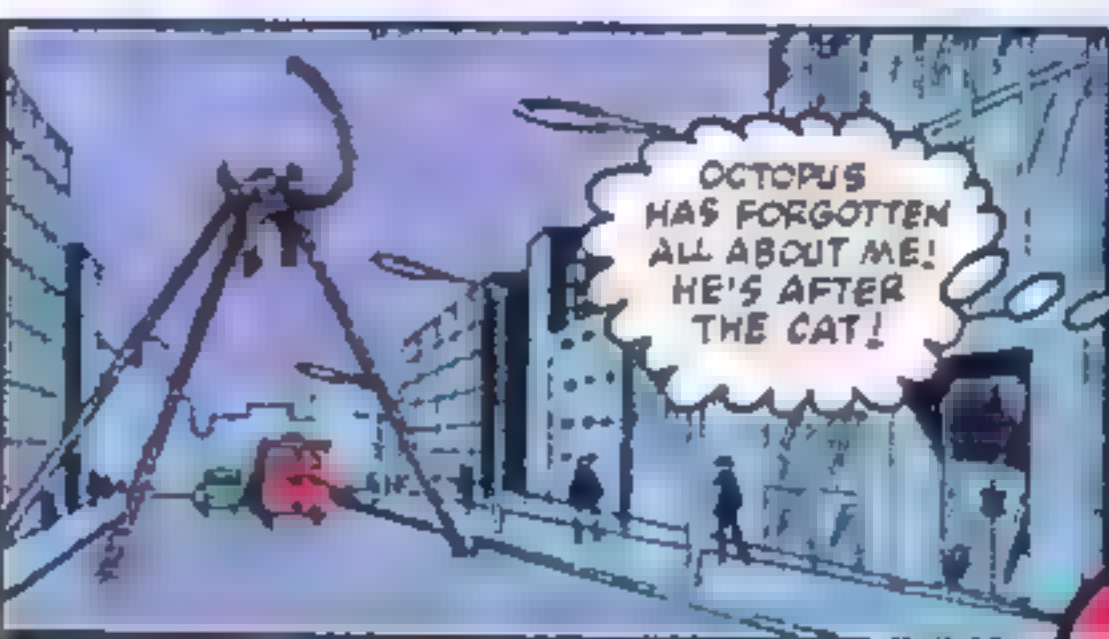




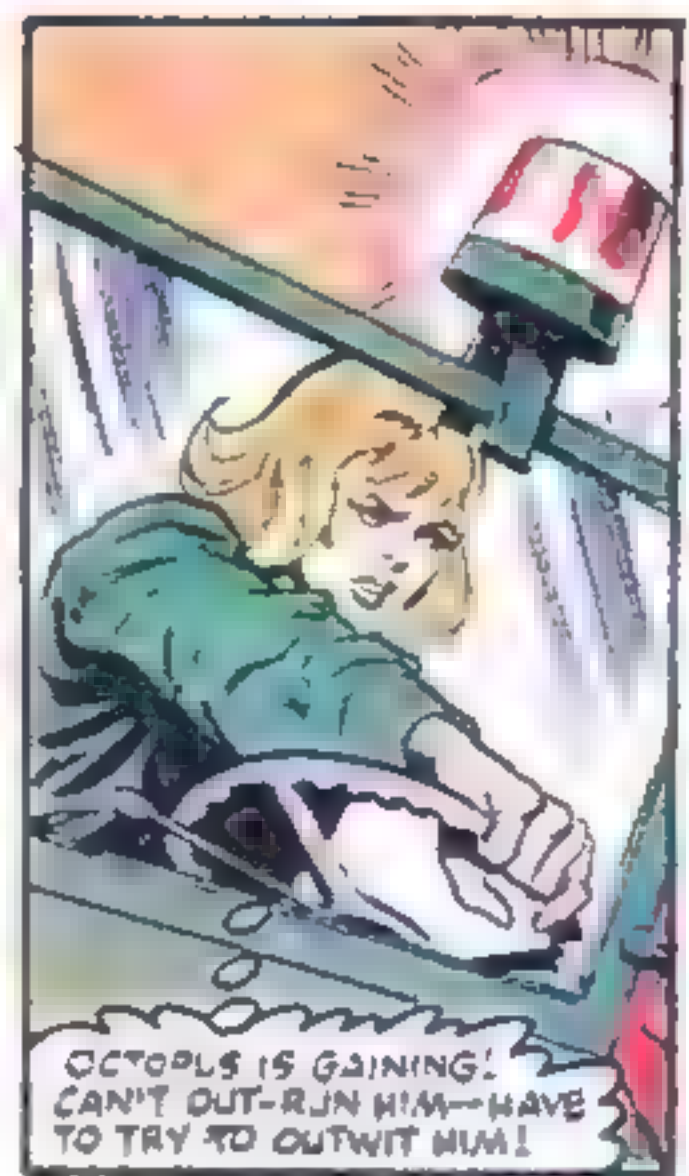
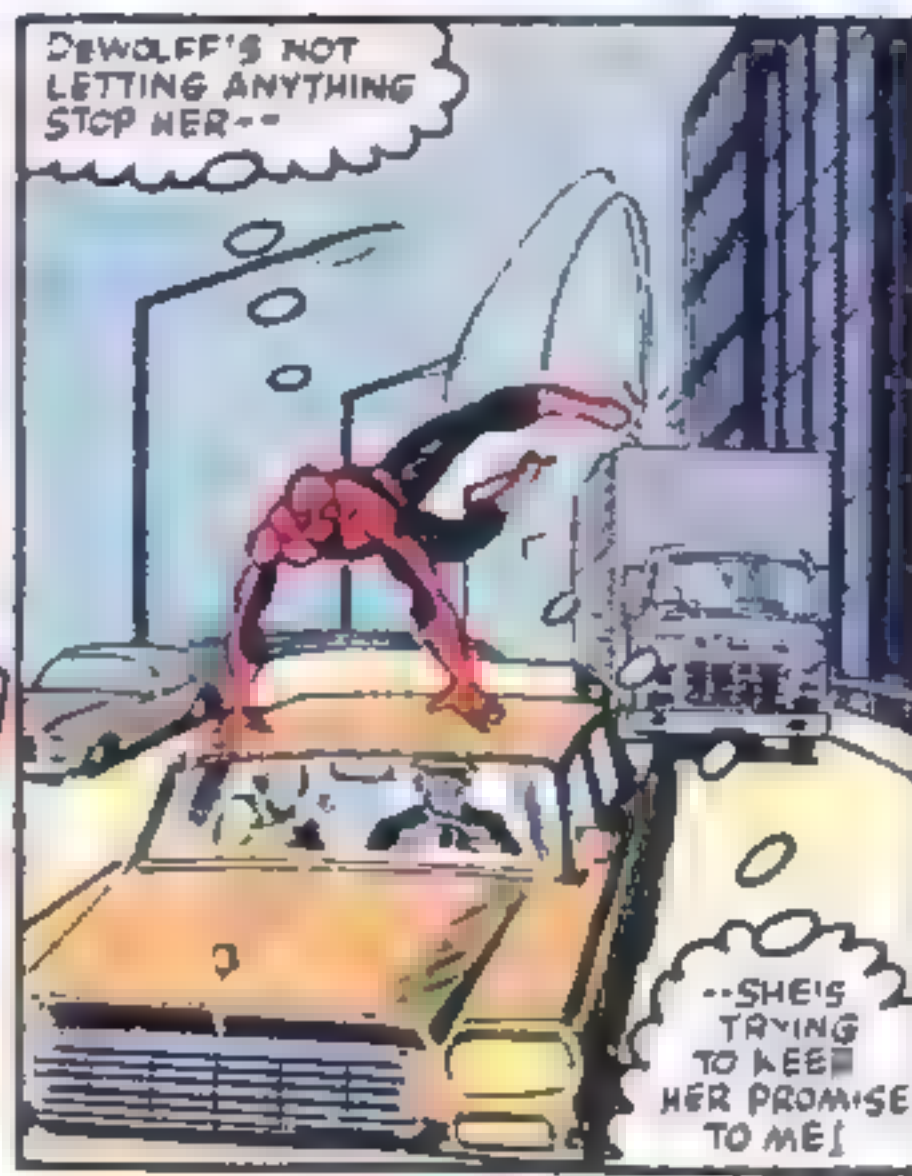
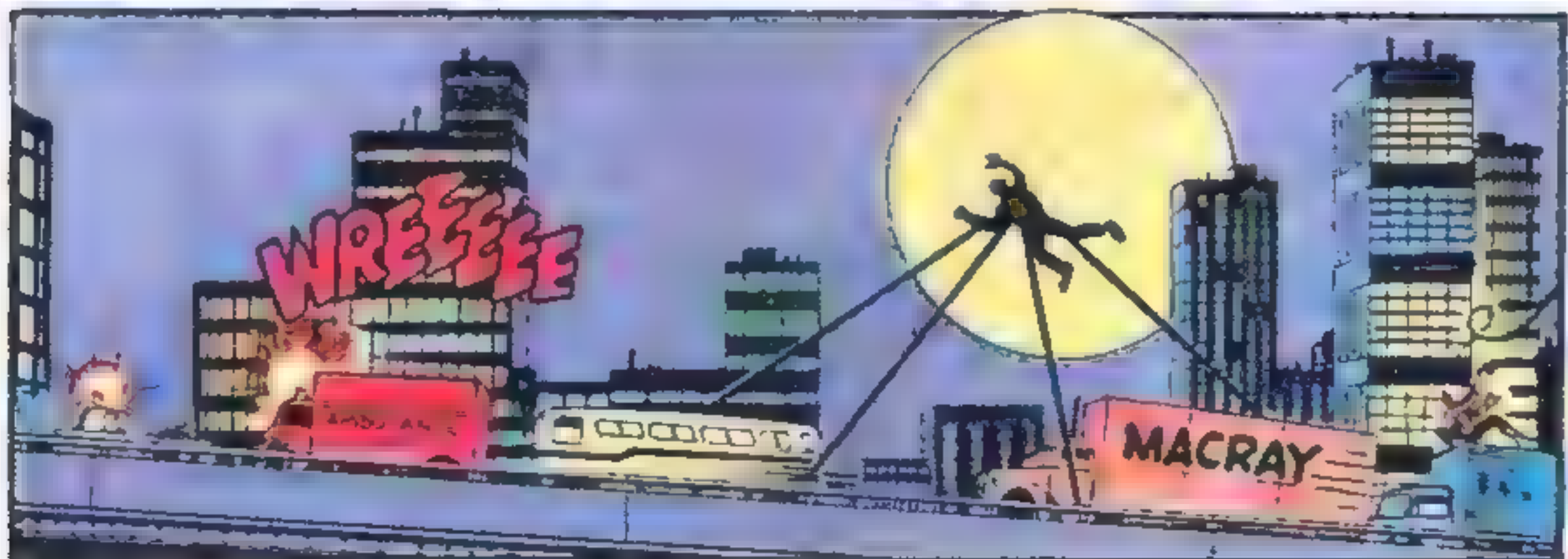
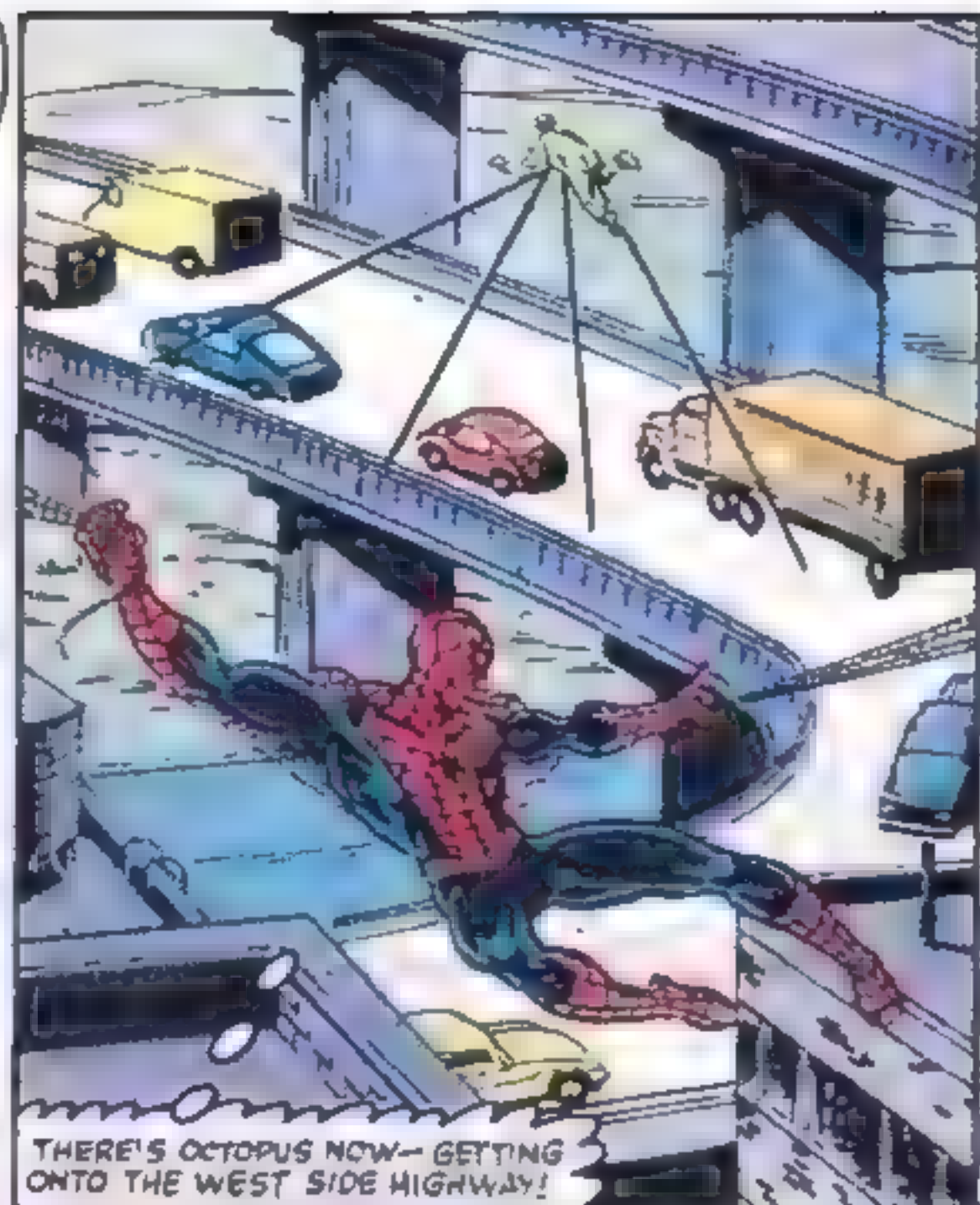




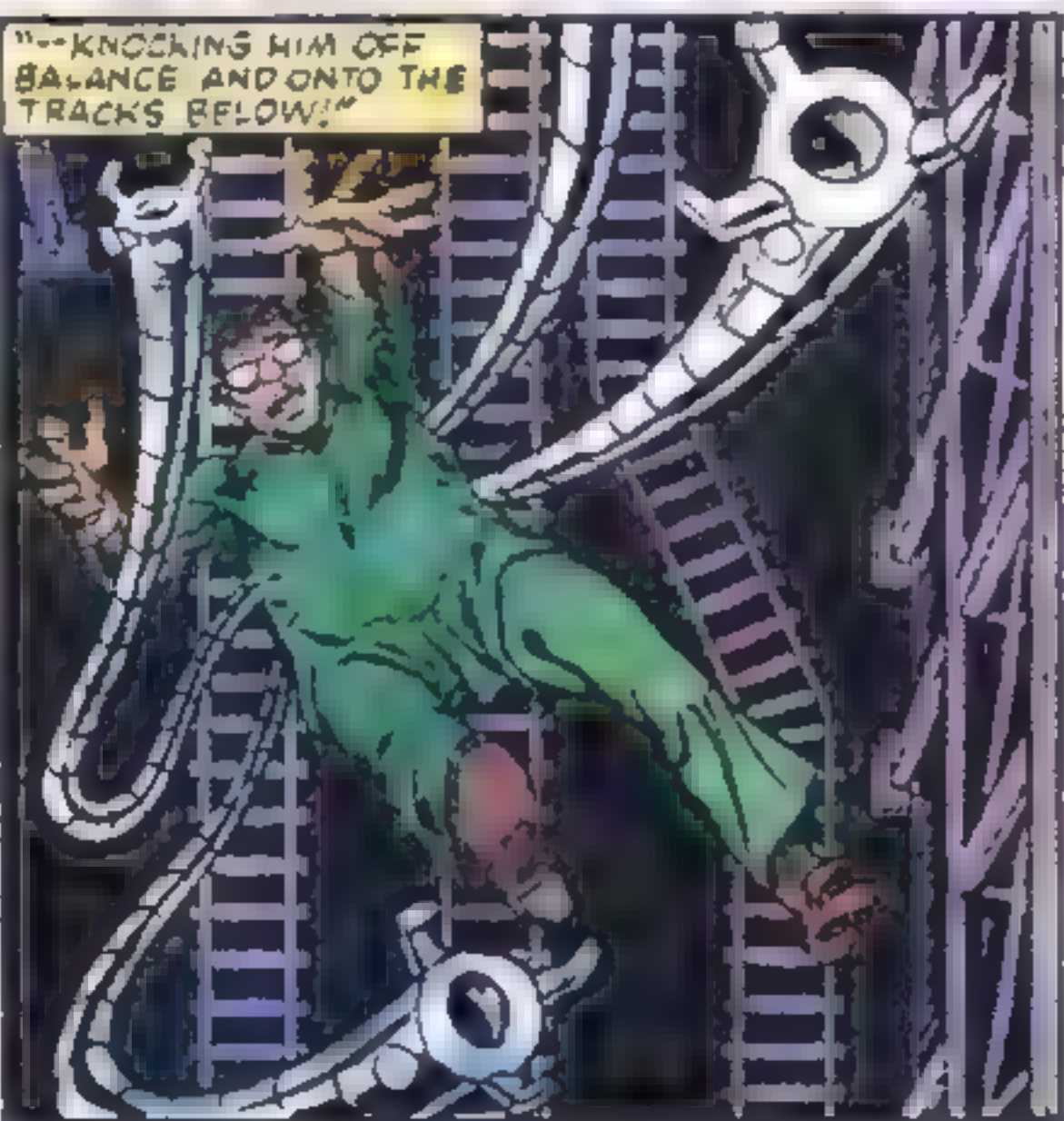
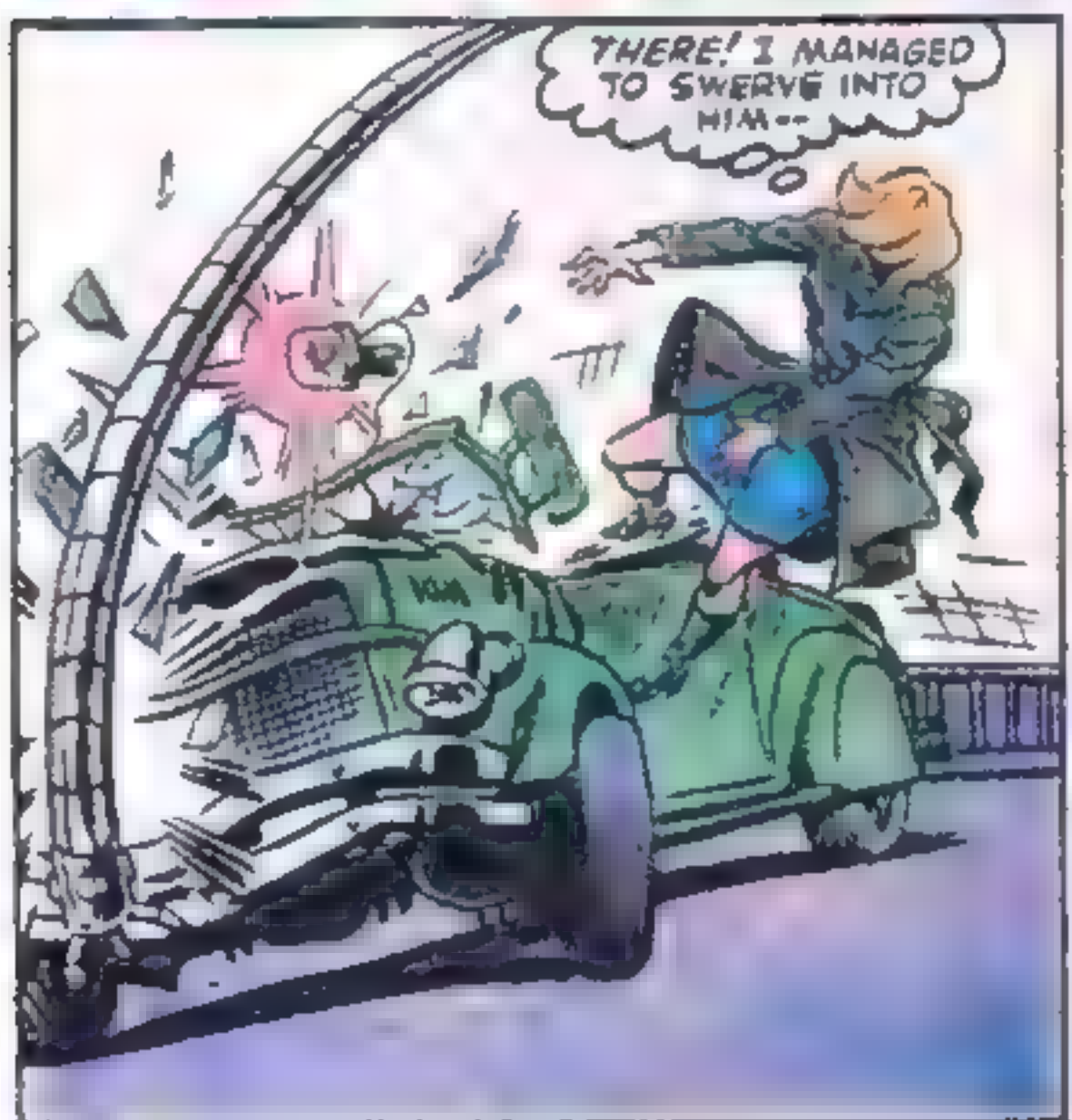
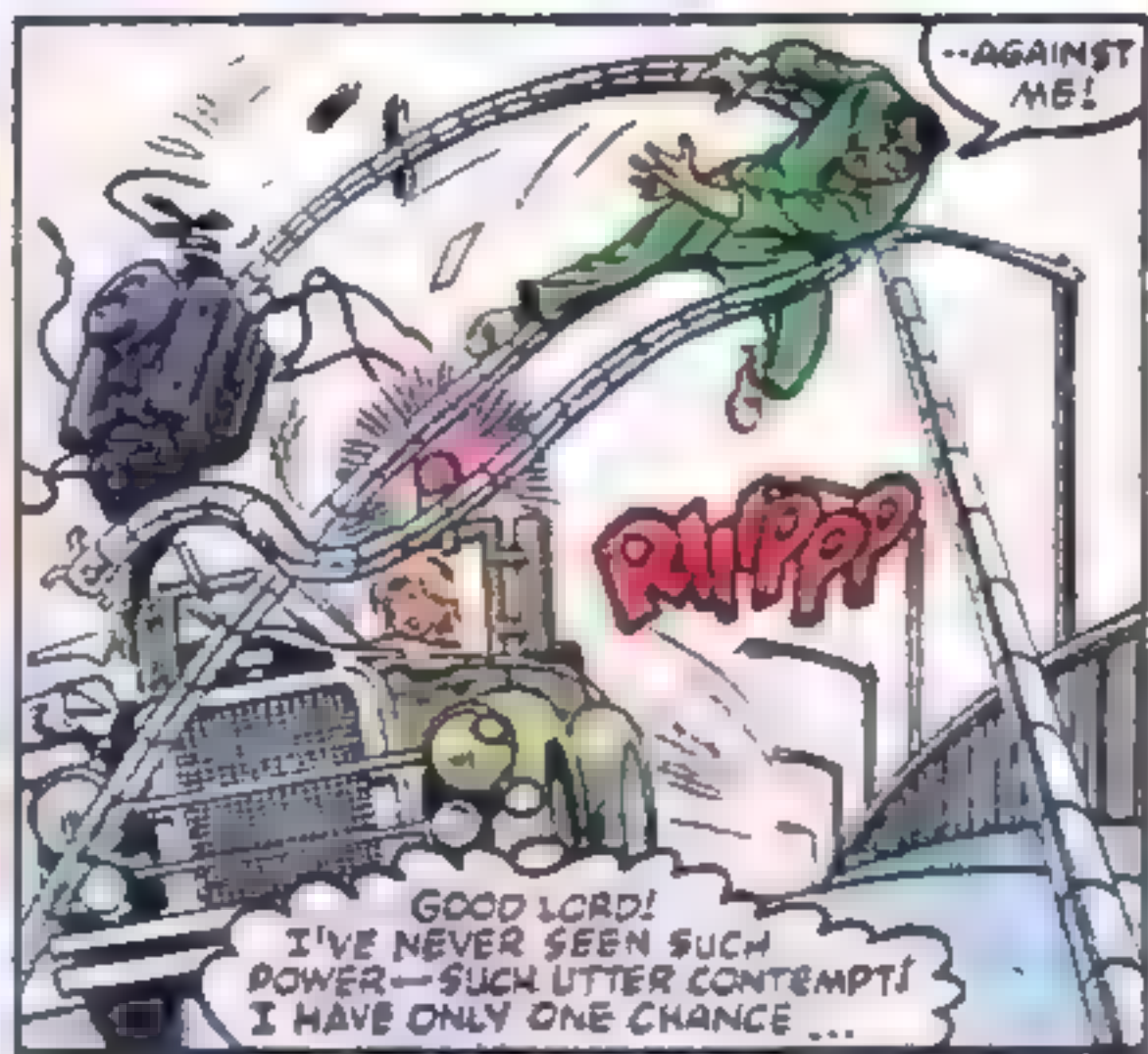
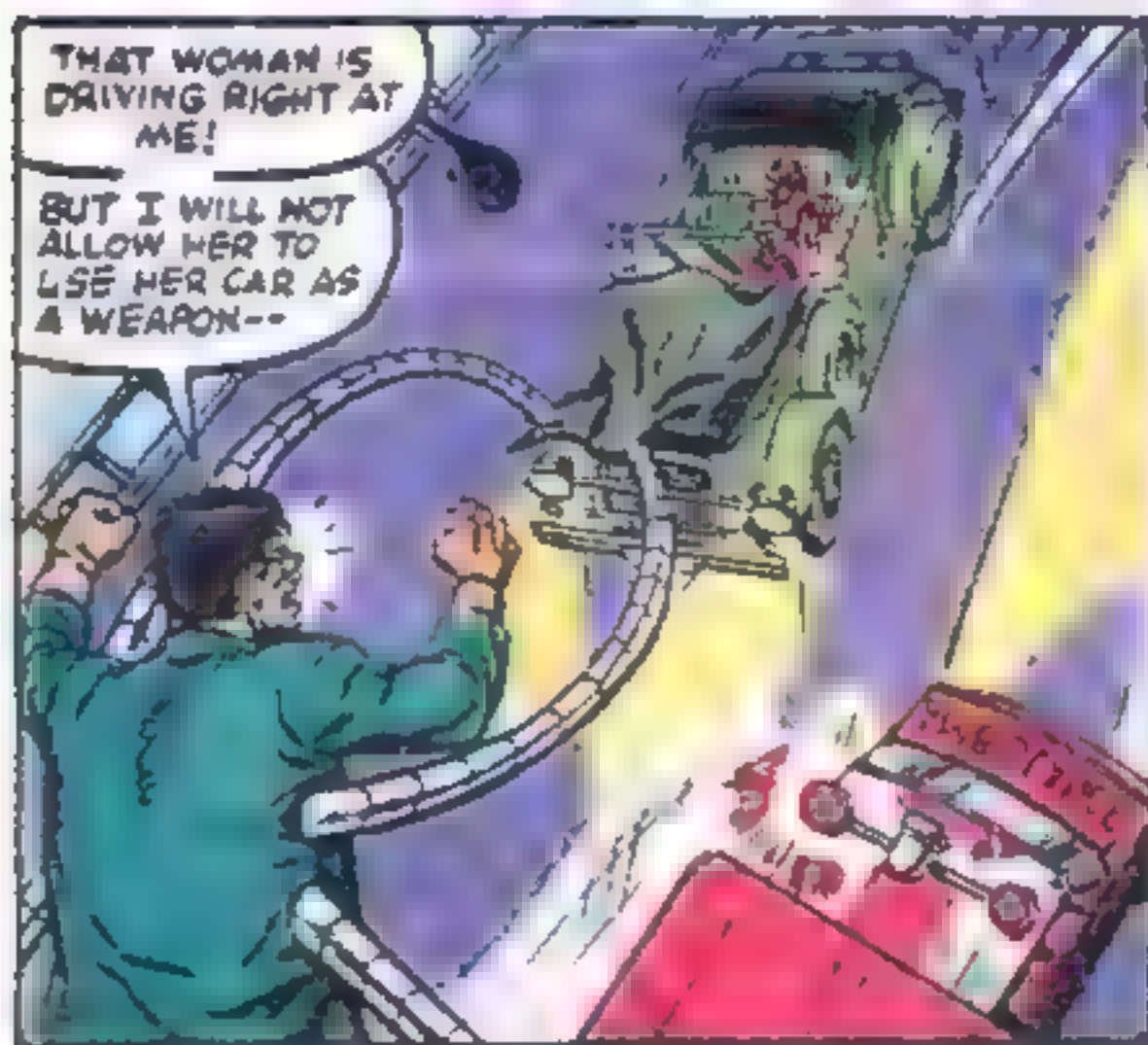
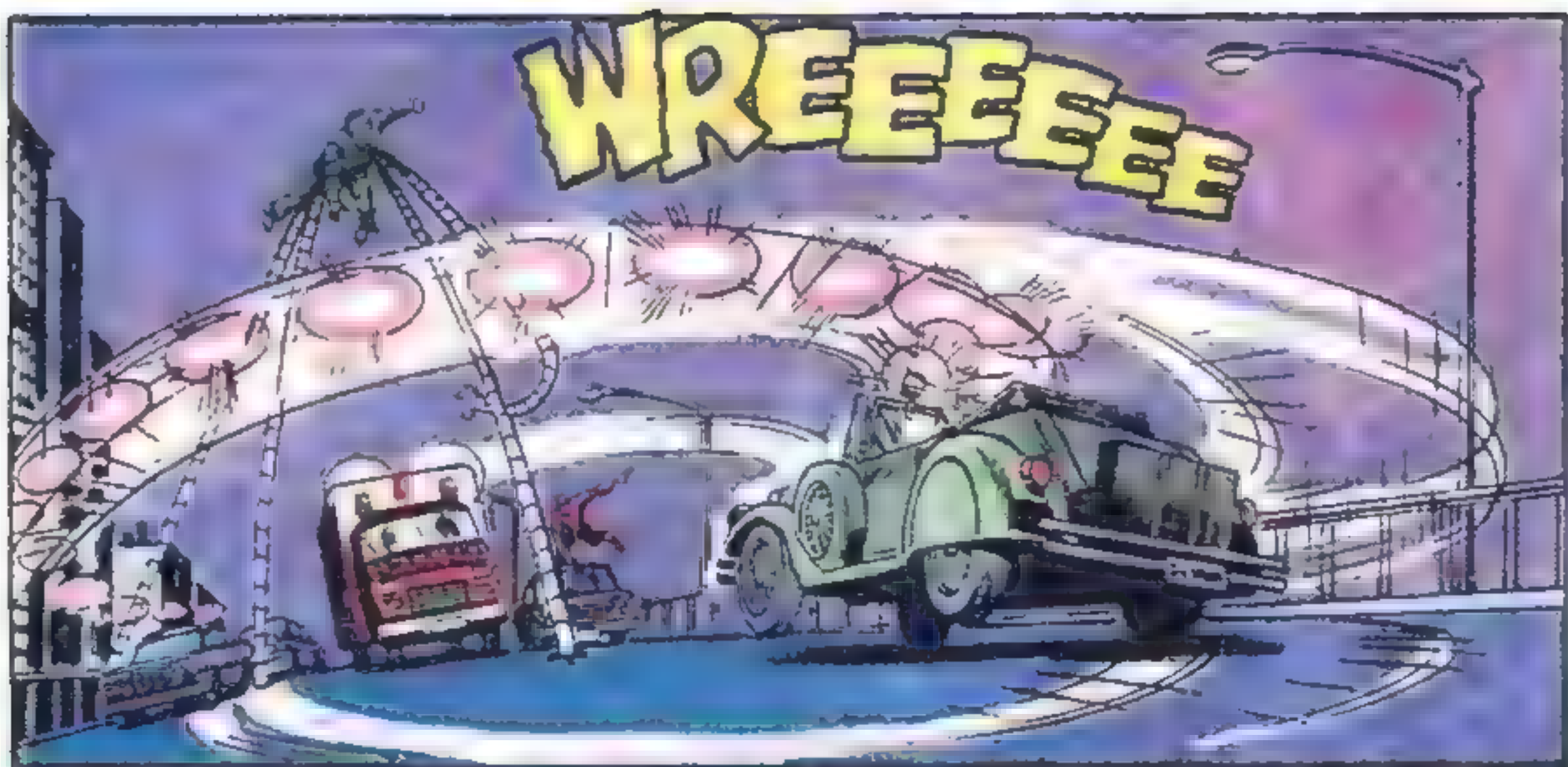




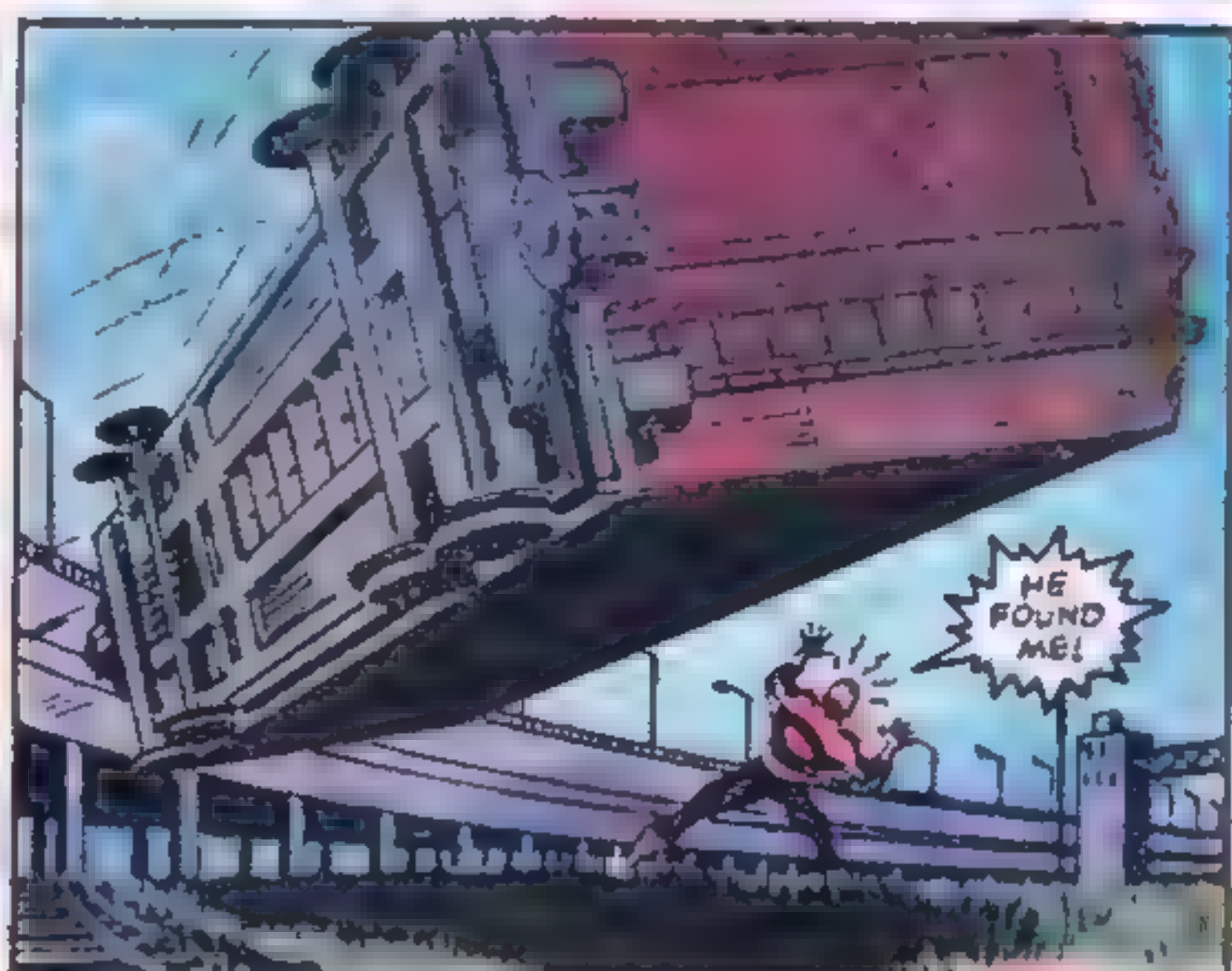
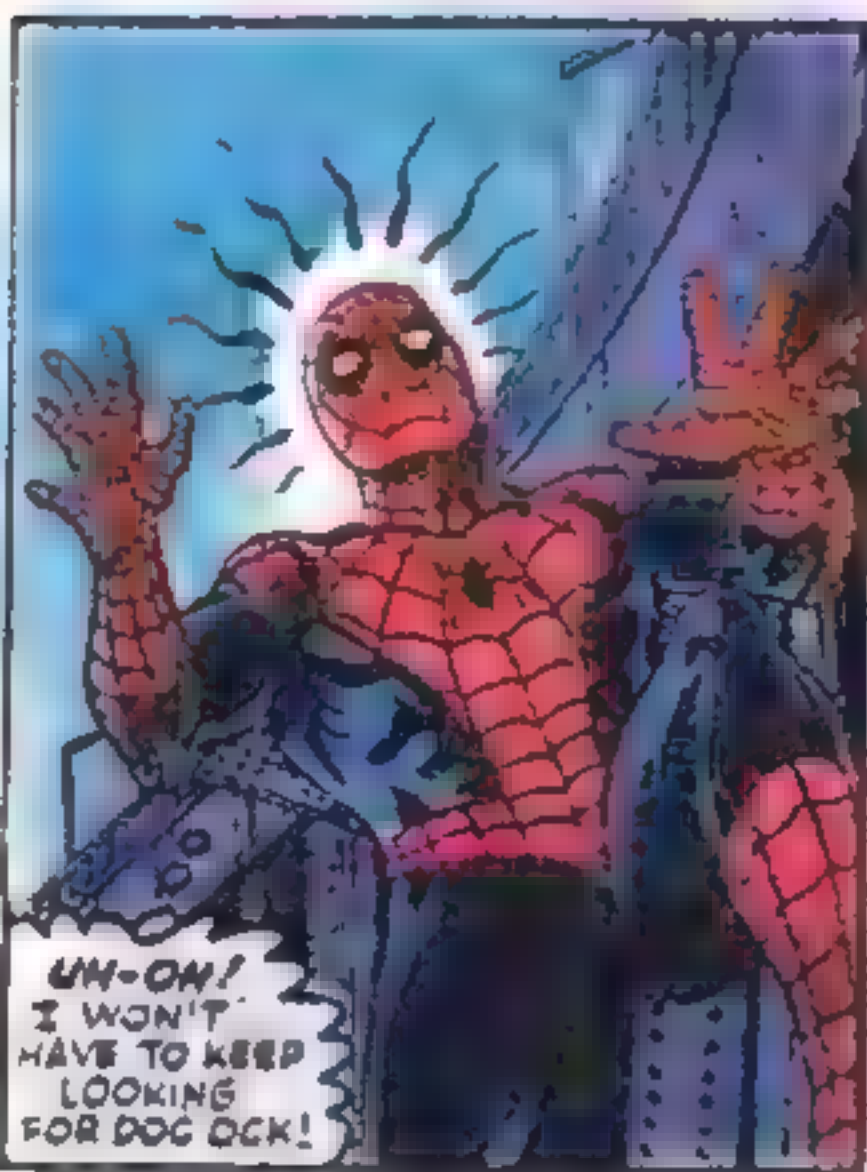
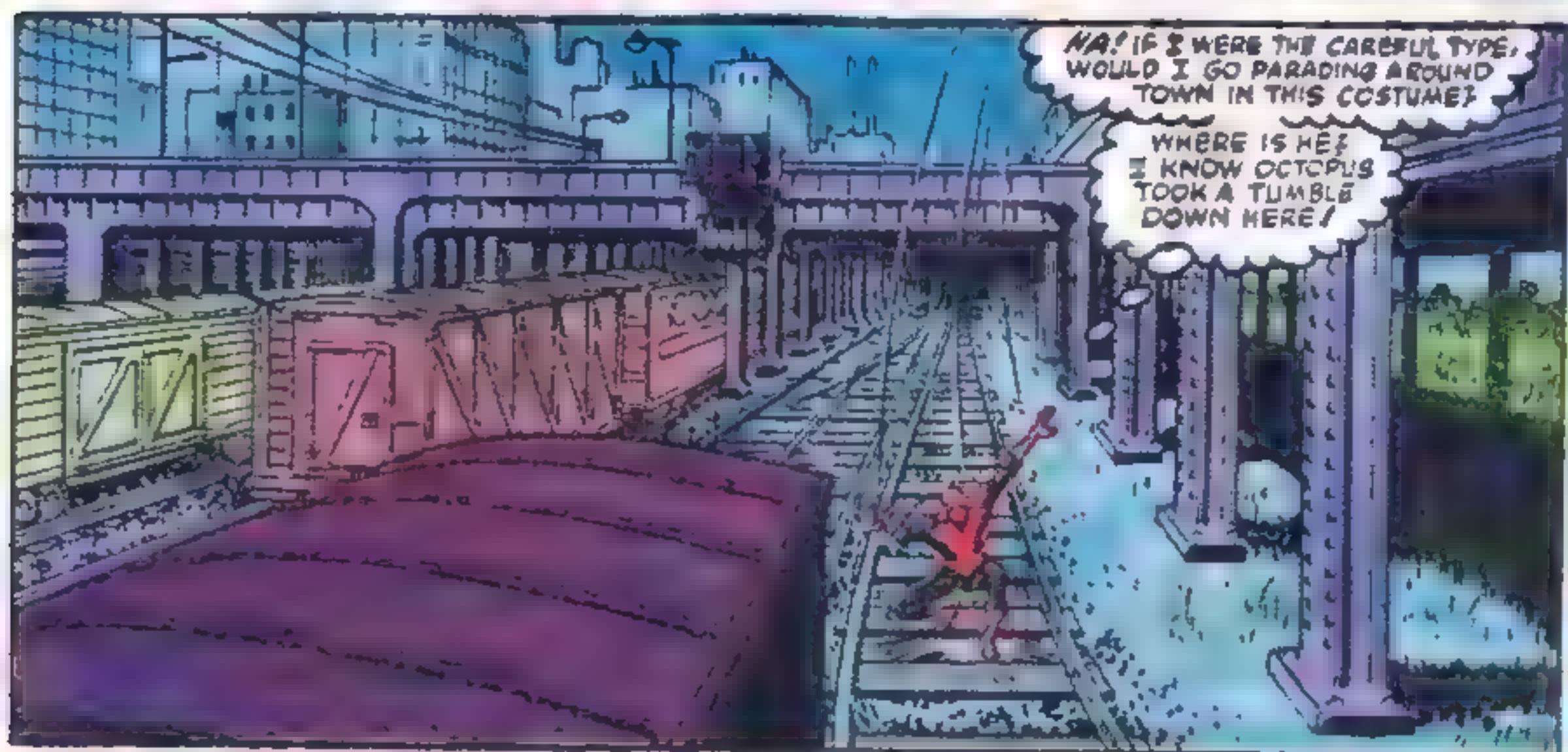




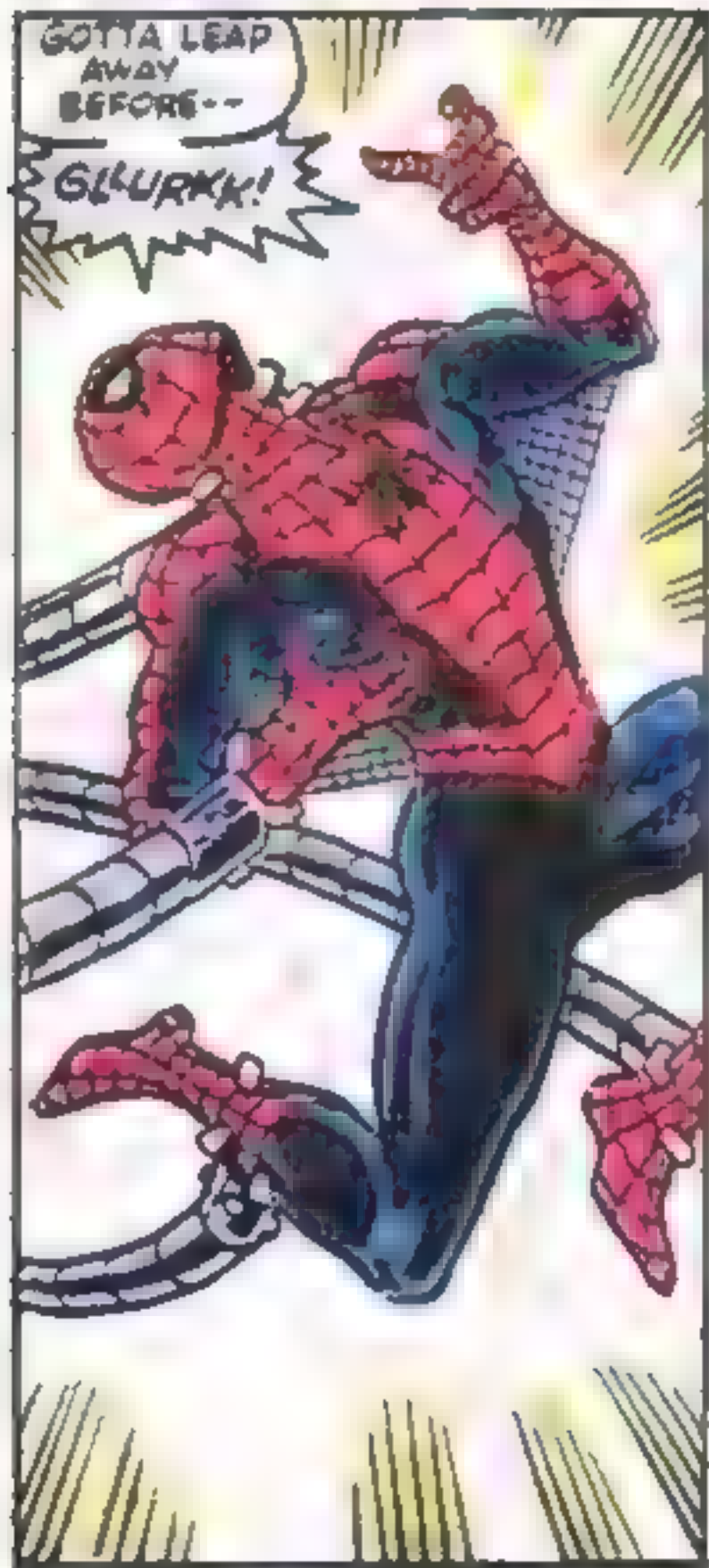
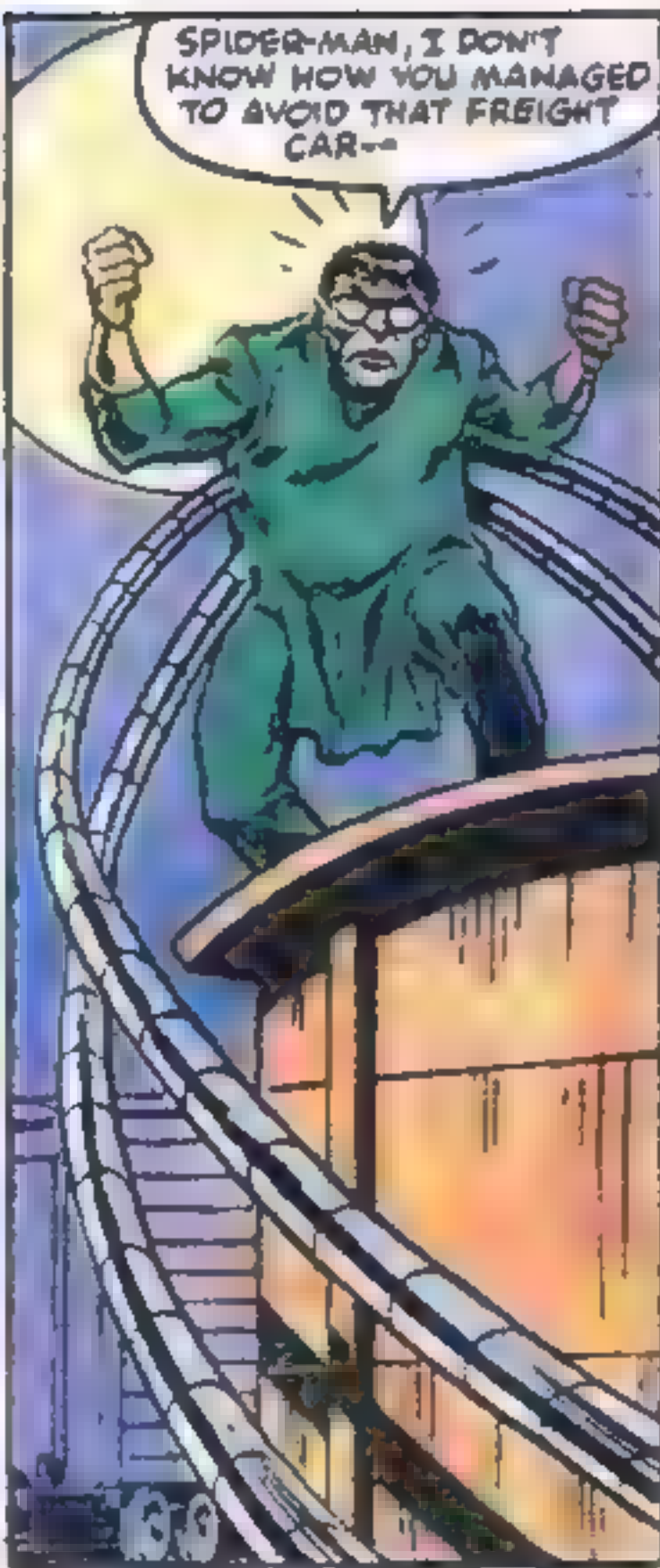




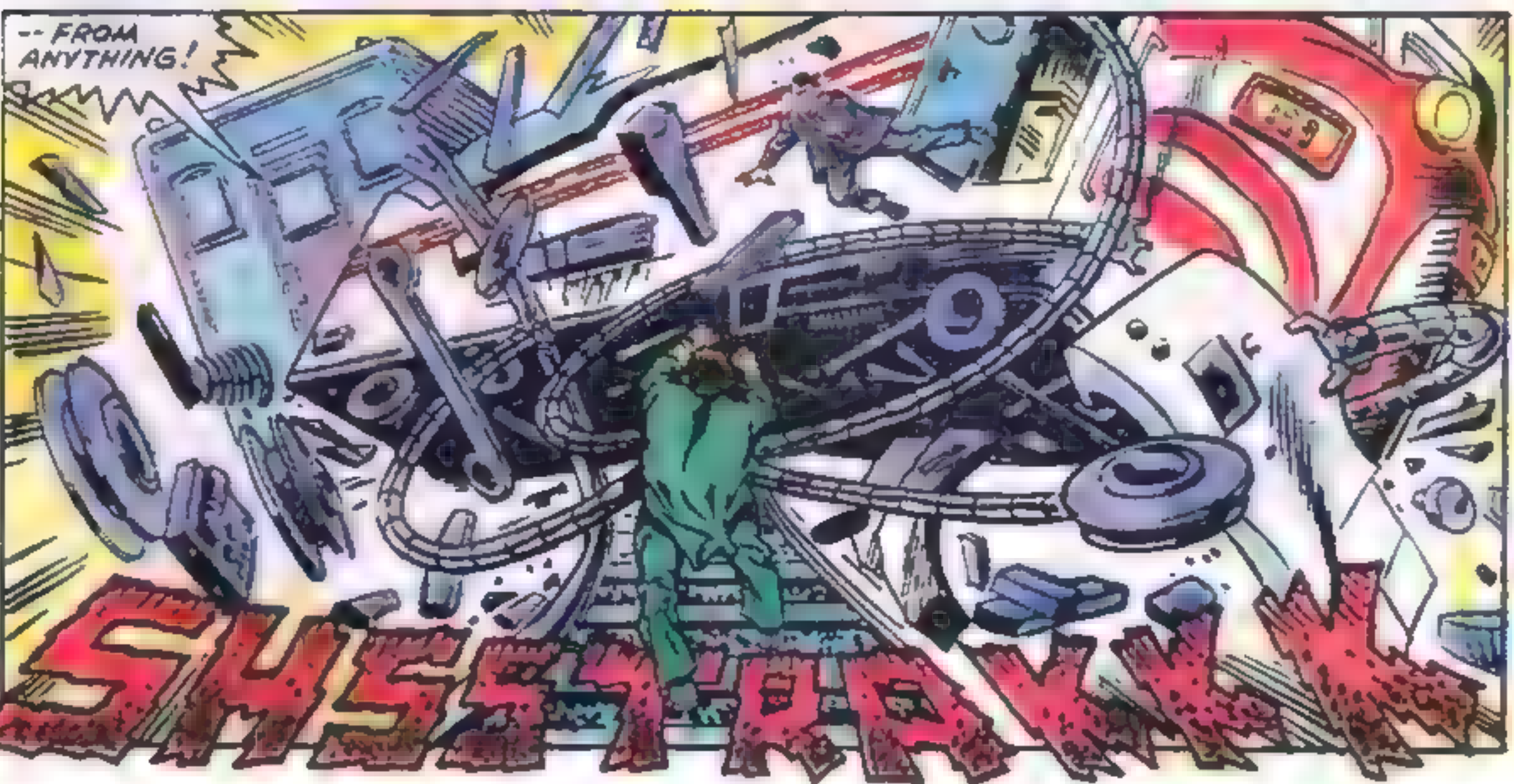
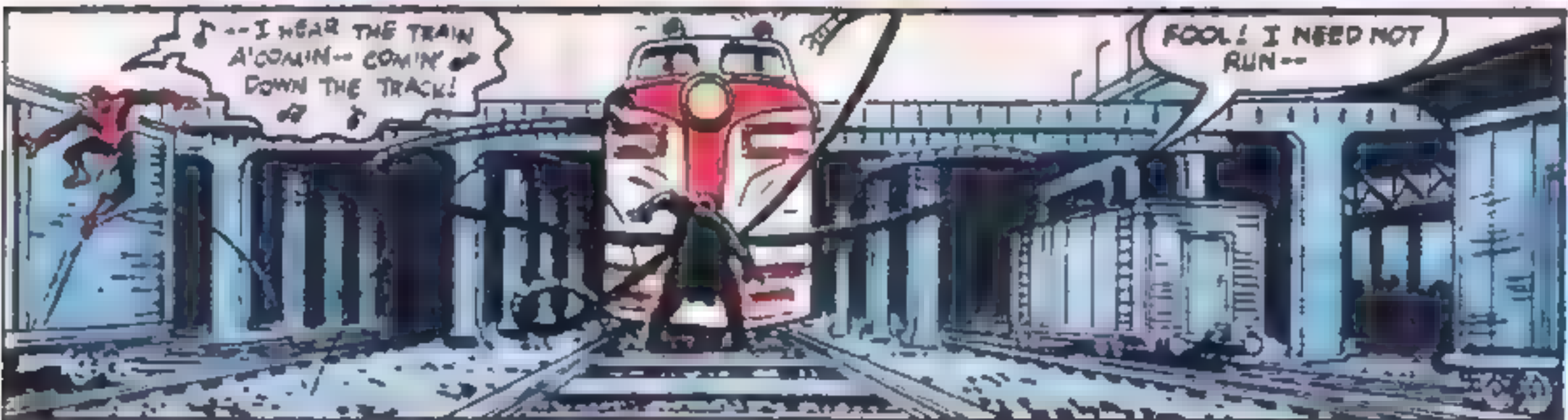
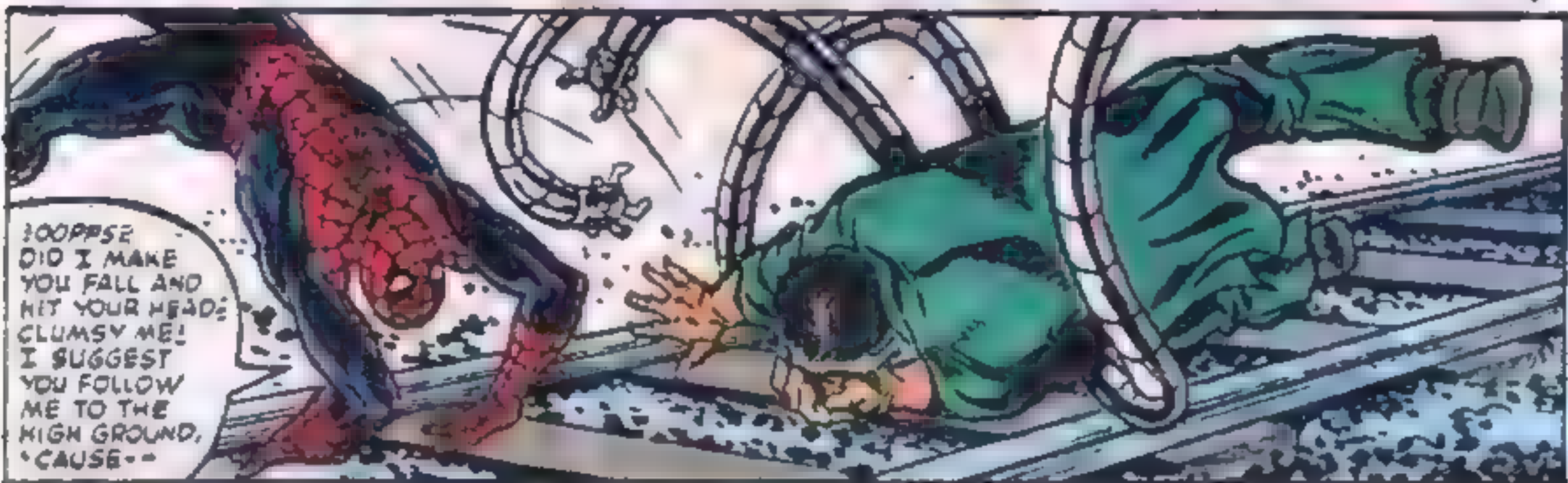
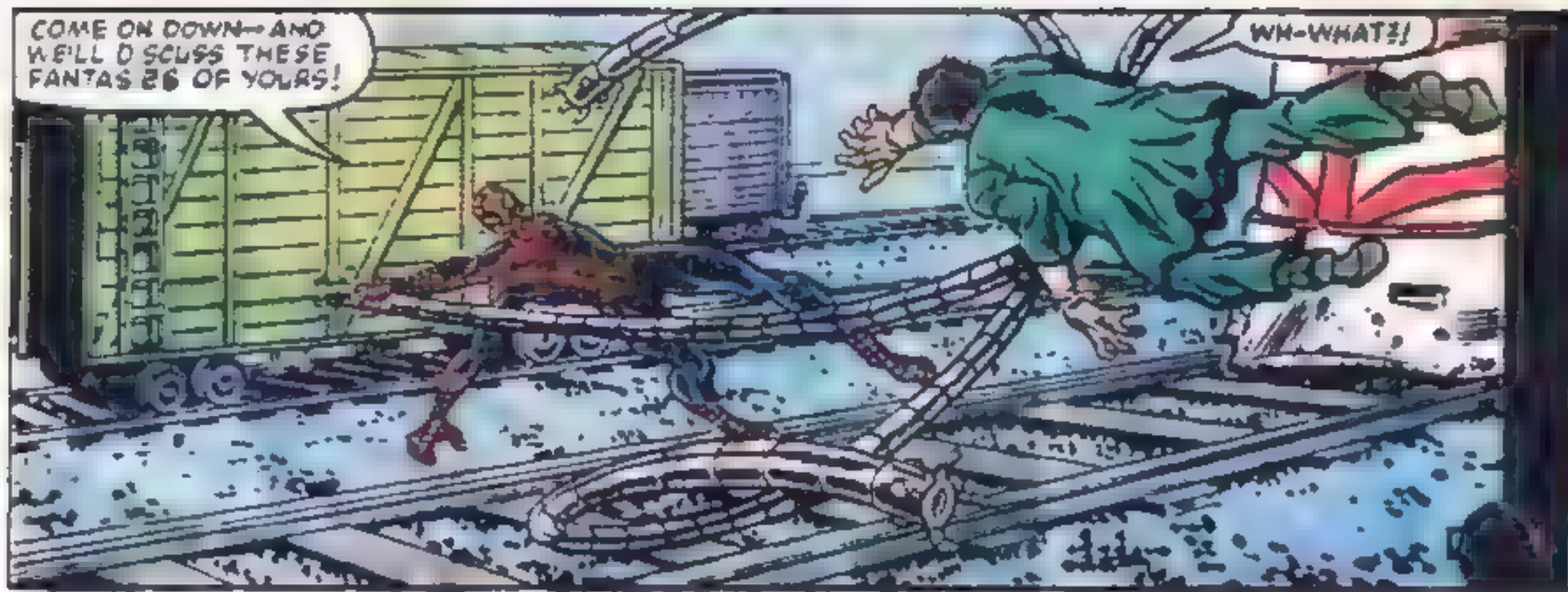














I-I'VE NEVER SEEN DOC OCK EXHIBIT THAT KIND OF STRENGTH BEFORE!

IF HE CAN TOTAL A LOCOMOTIVE, WHAT'LL HAPPEN--

--IF HE GETS A GOOD GRIP ON ME??!!

I TRUST THAT DISPLAY OF MY POWER WILL SPARE US BOTH FURTHER EFFORT--

--AND THAT YOU WILL YIELD TO THE INEVITABLE.

NO BUT I WOULDN'T MIND JOINING THE SAME HEALTH SPA AS YOU!

MAYBE JACK LOBANE COULD MAKE A REAL MAN OUT OF ME, TOO!

I WISH I WERE HALF AS CONFIDENT AS I SOUND! HE'S GOT ME ON THE RUN, AND HE KNOWS IT!

I'M TOO VULNERABLE OUT IN THE OPEN LIKE THIS!

MADE IT!!

SOMETHING TELLS ME TO BETTER RECORD THIS LITTLE BATTLE FOR POSTERITY!

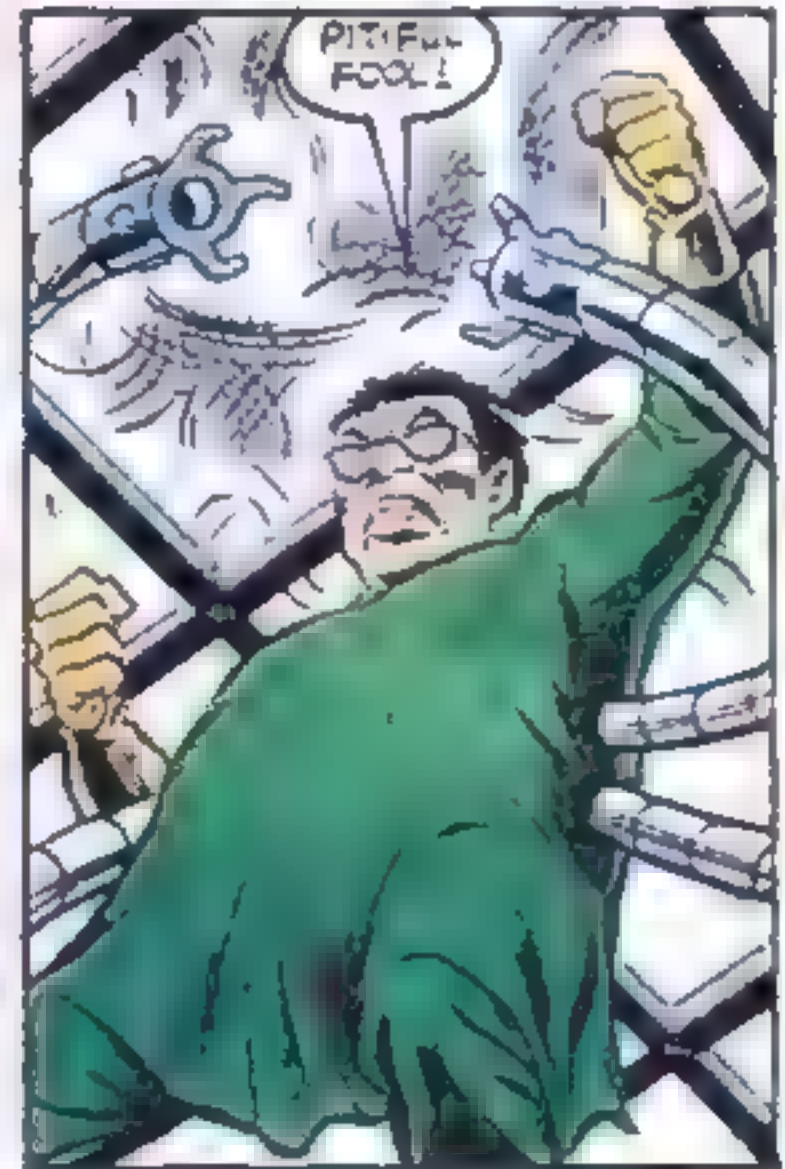
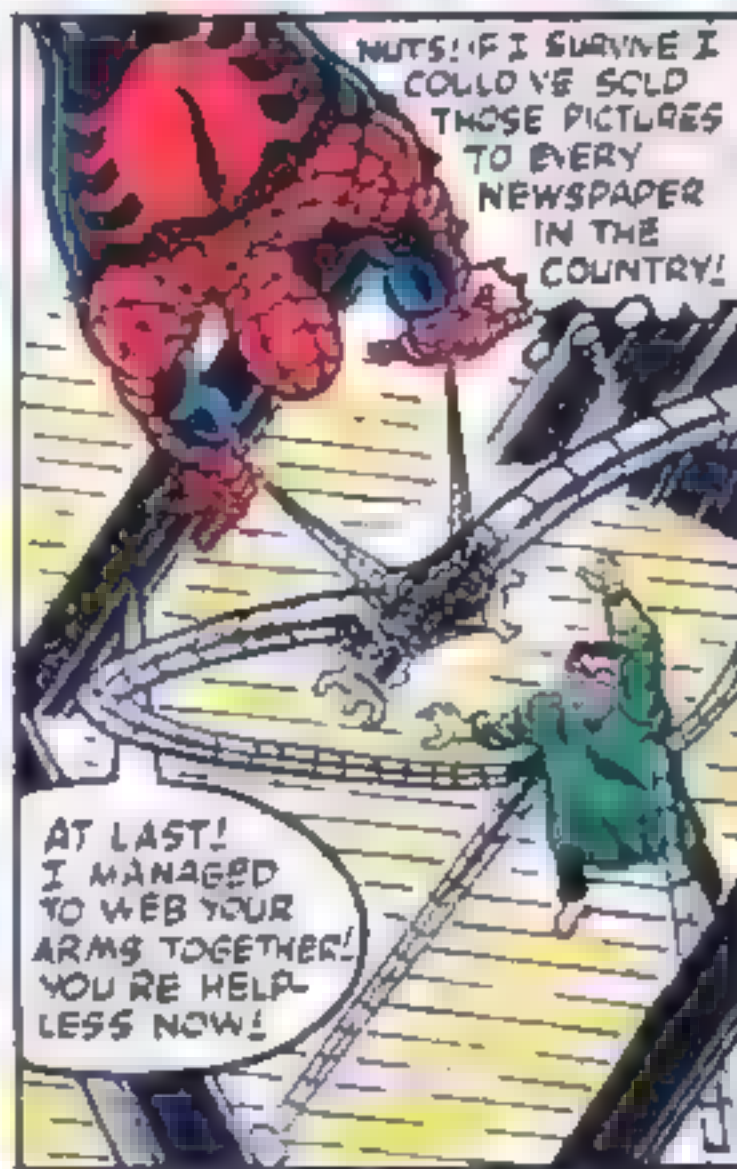
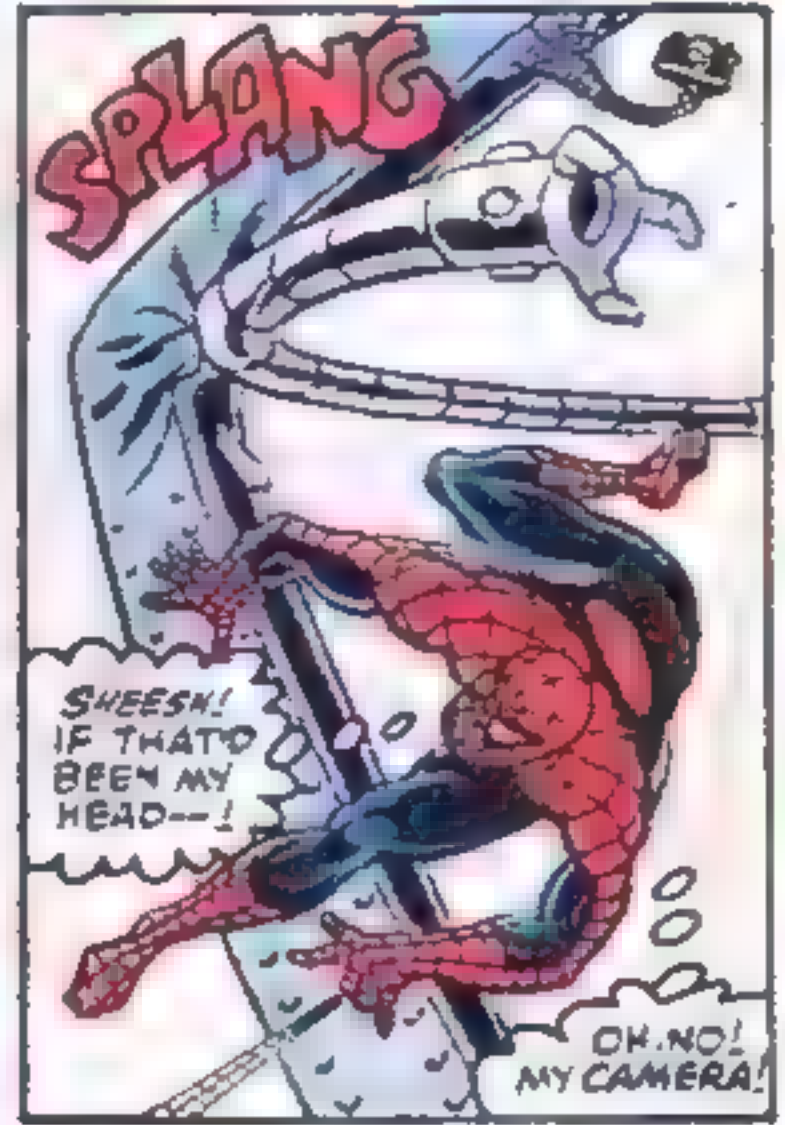
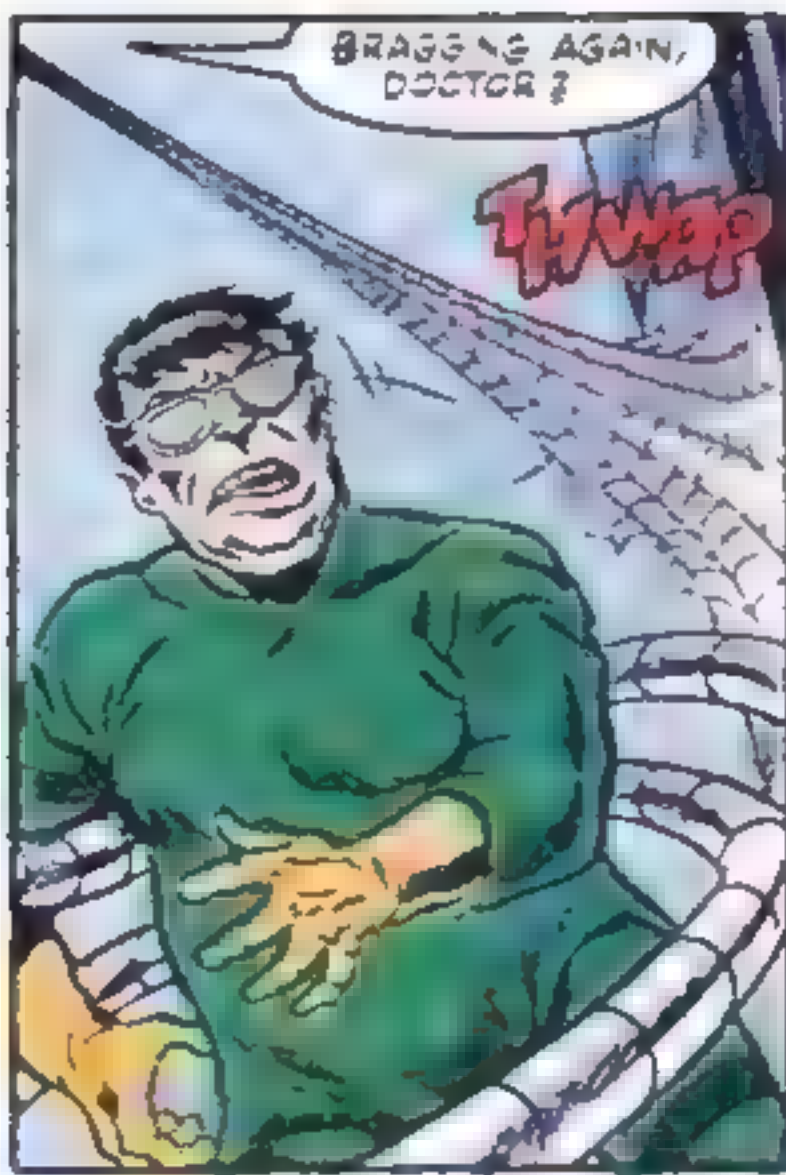
IT MIGHT BE MY LAST!

THERE! I'VE WEBBED MY AUTOMATIC CAMERA IN PLACE! IT'LL PHOTOGRAPH WHATEVER HAPPENS!

THE CHASE IS OVER SPIDER-MAN!

YOUR END IS NEAR!







WHEW! MAYBE I CAN GRAB A BREATHER BEHIND THIS GIRDER-- WHILE I PLAN MY NEXT BRILLIANT STRATEGY!

IT'S TIME TO TAKE MY STAND-- AND END THE MENACE OF DOCTOR OCTOPUS ONCE AND FOR ALL! I'VE GOT TOO MANY PEOPLE COUNTING ON ME TO SURVIVE! I JUST CAN'T LET HIM KEEP ME ON THE DEFENSIVE!

I'VE GOT TO MAKE MY MOVE-- NOW!

I'VE GOT AN IDEA! IT'S CRAZY-- BUT IT JUST MIGHT WORK!



HI! LOOKING FOR ME?

WHY NOT? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

YOUR ARMS CAN'T OPERATE AT FULL STRENGTH WHEN THEY'RE STRETCHED SO FAR!

SPIDER-MAN STANDS POISED, MOTIONLESS, AWAITING THE MECHANICAL TENTACLES WHICH SNAKE TOWARD HIM...

...HIS ARM MUSCLES RIPPLE WITH TENSION AS THEY DRAW NEAR...

C'MON UP! THE WEATHER'S FINE!

SPIDER-MAN?! YOU DARE SHOW YOURSELF?!

PERHAPS THEY CAN'T--

BUT THEY STILL POSSESS SUFFICIENT STRENGTH TO CRUSH YOU LIFELESS!













IT'S TIME YOU FACED THE TRUTH! I BEAT YOU ... DESPITE THE FACT THAT YOU ARE THE DEADLIEST, MOST DANGEROUS FOE I'VE EVER FACED--

--DESPITE THE FACT THAT YOU ARE AT THE HEIGHT OF YOUR POWER!



I'LL ALWAYS FIND A WAY TO BEAT YOU!

YOU'LL NEVER WIN! NEVER!



THE POLICE WILL TAKE YOU AWAY NOW! YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO THINK ABOUT THAT!

ONE LAST PIECE OF FRIENDLY ADVICE--



--DON'T DARE CHALLENGE ME ANYMORE!

I WON'T WARN YOU AGAIN!



MEANWHILE, AT DANNEMORA STATE PRISON...

THE CHOICE IS YOURS, BOOMERANG--



--YOU HAVE ONLY ONE CHANCE TO SAVE YOUR WORTHLESS LIFE.



YOU WILL HELP ME ESCAPE FROM THIS PRISON, OR--

--YOU WILL DIE.



SO SWEARS THE PUNISHER!

NEXT ISSUE: A DECIDEDLY DIFFERENT STORY FEATURING J. JONAH JAMESON...

"I COVER THE WATERFRONT!"